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GARBAGE PLANT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED OF BRICK

Contract Awarded to W. M. Gault by Council at Special Meeting

HELD A RECORD MEETING

Met, Transacted Business and Adjourned, All in Less Than Thirteen Minutes

In a record breaking meeting of council at the council chambers last evening, the contract for the rebuilding of the garbage plant, which was destroyed by fire sometime ago, was awarded. The successful bidder was W. M. Gault.

In the absence of President Piersol, J. J. Frew was appointed to the chair. Other members present were Messrs. Frye, Hein, Lynn, Schmieler.

There were four bids for the erection of the plant, each containing separate prices on tile and brick. Mr. Gault's prices were for brick, $1,165, tile $1,055. The other bids were as follows: Charleroi Lumber company, tile, $1,278; brick $1,278 W. A. Murphy, tile $1,281, brick $1,378. J. K. Mitchell, tile $1,297, brick $1,388.

For the construction of the plant brick will be used, the wall to be 9 inches thick. Brick was regarded as the most substantial by the council. Mr. Gault's price for the brick was just $115 more than it cost to construct the frame structure, which was burned recently.

The council meeting was a record breaker in the fact that it only took 12 minutes and 45 seconds to meet, transact boisness and adjourn. This record was beat by Monongahela council of 35 minutes It might also be mentioned that the Charleroi council has some records in the other direction.

PENNSYLVANIA LEADS IN COKE

Not Only Produces More Coal But Also More Coke Than Any Other State

In the manufacture of coke Pennsyania stands supreme among the States. For more than a quarter of a century, or pactically since the manufacture of coke assumed any importance as an industry, she has contributed over 50 percent of the total coke product of the United States. According to E. W. Parker of the United States Geological Survey, Pennsylvania produced 65.02 per cent of the total coke output of the United States in 1907 and 59.58 percent of the total in 1908.

The quantity of coke produced in Pennsylvania in 1908 was 15,511,634 short tons out of a total for the United States of 26,033,518 short tons. In 1907 Pennsylvania produced 26,513,214 short tons out of a total of 40,779,564 tons. The production in 1908 showed a decrease of 11,001,580 short tons or 41.5 percent, from that of 1907, or of 7,548,877 short tons, or 32.7 per cent from that of 1906.

The years 1906 and 1907, however, were years of plenty in the coalmining and coke producing industries and can hardly be considered representaive of the normal production. If, however, the production of Pennsylvania in 1908 is compared with the average of the eight preceding years it is noted that the production still shows a decrease of 2,597,188 short tons, or 14.3 percent. The production in 1908 was the smallest since 1904.

Good Stepping at Belle Vernon Today

All Races Filled and Some of Fastest Horses of Section are Entered

According to reports a good sized crowd is in attendance at the races at Cook's Race Track near Belle Vernon. Horses have been arriving almost hourly during the past three or four days and the stable room has been taxed to its utmost. Some of the best steppers in the tri-state territory have been entered. Today's races consist of a 2:30 trot, 2:30 pace and 2:18 trot, for which 24 horses have been entered.

AUTOMOBILE AS EMPLOYE OF UNCLE SAM

Rural Carrier of Coal Center Makes Great Improvement in Service

NOW BETTER THAN IN CITY

William Sutherland, rural mail carrier on Coal Centre route No. 2, is probably one of the first in the county to put an automobile to practical use in the government service. Mr. Sutherland, who is the owner of a White Steamer, has through his desire for improving the service, brought the rural delivery up to a state of efficiency, the like of which is not enjoyed by many country people.

Mr. Sutherland purchased his machine recently and put it into operation as a government agent at once. He makes three trips over his route daily leaving the postoffice at 8 o'clock in the morning, and 1 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. In this way more deliveries are made than over many of the city delivery routes.

Archie Gunn Stage Beauty Series of Pictures.

Here are some of the color portraits the New York Sunday World is giving with its magazine section, at the rate of six each week: Maxine Elliott, Marie Doro, Elsie Janis, Hattie Williams, Mary Mannering, Lillian Russel, Doris Keane, Constance Collier, Pauline Frederick, Julie Marlowe, Marie Booth Russell, Ethel Barrymore and forty others.

Yet the set—six a week for ten weeks. Just the thing for home decoration.

Special today and every day, an English Rock tea pot with one pound of Barger's Tea or Baking powder, 327 Fallowfield avenue. 305tf

MANAGER ON GROUND TO PREPARE FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK ON PLANT TO BE ERECTED AT NEWELL

Business Takes on a New Aspect Upon His Arrival and Rumors Fly Thickly

STOPS AT THE ARLINGTON HOTEL, AT CALIFORNIA

Upon the arrival of Manager Eagelson of the General Chemical company of New York at Newell, the place has taken on a business aspect heretofore unknown. It is a well known fact that the General Chemical company is going to locate one of the immense plants at this place, and that in the near future, Mr. Eagleosn is on the ground for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the shipping in of materials for the construction work. The plant will take, it is stated, several months in building. It is to be the largest one in the world, and the chemicals to be manufactured there will be sold to large manufacturing concerns, to be used in the making of steel rails, and other heavy materials.

Mr. Eagleson is stopping at the Arlington Hotel, California, having been there for the past four days.

POSTMASTER GENERAL TO CUT EXPENSES

Submits Proposition to Save Large Sum Annually

NOT TO HAVE SUBSTITUTES

By reqiring letter carriers to "double up" their routes during the dull season of July and August instead of employing substitutes, Postmaster General Hitchcock expects to effect a saving of $250,000,000 in the cost of carriers' vacations during the peresent fiscal year.

It has been the practice for many years to employ a substitute for every day a letter carrier was on leave of absence. As there are 260,000 carriers in the service and as the cost of substitute service for the 15 days and two Sundays allowed the carrier for his vacation is about $40, the actual cost of the carriers' vacations is a little more than $1,000,000.

During July and August the volume of mail in the large cities especially, is considerably reduced, enabling carriers to "double up," so that in some instances during these months two carriers serve three routes.

Having Good Crowds.

During the past two nights, the Star Theatre has been having large crowds to all their shows, and have been presenting good numbers. Tonight there is a good bill announced. The Star is now receiving the best in the picture line, all the films being fireproof.

Notice.

Every Lady Maccabee is requested to be at the meeting, August 26. There is business of importance and initiation of four new members. The guards will please report.

By Order of Lady Commander,
6t1 Laura M. Eckles.

Notice.

The Autumn Fashion number of the Ladies Home Journal, showing one hundred fashion pictures, now on sale 15 cents—Might's Book Store 509 McKean avenue. 6t1

Rev. L. W. Shey, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church goes today to Long Island Sound, Conn., for a visit with his mother. He will be joined tomorrow by his wife. Before returning home Rev. and Mrs. Shey will visit at Wheeling, W. Va., A. H. Knoke, general state agent for the Mutual Life Insurance company.

Learn to Laugh.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn to tell a story. A well told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sickroom. Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows. Learn to do something for others. Even if you are a bedridden invalid there is always something that you can do to make others happier, and that is the surest way to attain happiness for yourself.—Exchange.

METHODISTS GIVE CHRISTIANS THEIR FIRST DRUBBING

Fast Game in Church League is Witnessed by Large Crowd

THE WAY IT HAPPENED

The Methodists gave the Christians their first drubbing in the church league last night, by the score of 4 to 3, and incidentally jumped into first place. The game was good one, in fact the best yet in the league, and was witnesed by a good sized crowd.

Jolliffe's bunch scored first, in the first inning. Cratty smashed out a single, and Jolly and Furnier were outs. Then Morris singled bringing in Cratty. The Methodists by terriffic swatting landed three runs in the third. It was started by one Pete Bege. He hit for two bags, followed by Riggs, who duplicated the feat. Mason was safe on Furnier's error, and Waggoner was an out. Then Mitchell scored the whole business wth a two baser. On three hits, and a fly out, the M. E.'s got another in the fifth. The Christians totaled two in the sixth. Cratty drew a walk, Jolliffe singled and Furnier was safe on an error of Waggoner's Cratty scoring. Morris was out, and Jolliffe was caught at home. Then McGowan bid for two bases, scoring the outfit. He was caught off second base. The score:

Methodist

	R	H	P	A	E
Riggs, s	1	1	3	0	1
Mason, 3	1	1	4	4	1
Waggoner, 1	0	1	4	0	1
Mitchell, 2	0	1	1	0	0
Pollock, m	0	0	0	0	0
Kent, r	0	0	0	0	0
Reeves, r	0	0	0	0	0
McKean, l	0	0	0	0	0
L. Bege, c	0	0	9	1	0
P. Bege, p	2	2	0	0	0
Total	4	6	21	5	3

Christian

	R	H	P	A	E
Cratty, m, 2	2	1	1	0	0
Jolliffe, s	0	1	1	1	0
Furnier, 3, 2, m	1	0	3	2	2
Morris, c, 3	0	1	4	1	1
McGowan, l	0	2	3	0	0
Vernon, l	0	2	2	0	0
R. Allshouse, m, r	0	0	0	0	0
A. Allshouse, r	0	0	0	0	0
Mason, c	0	0	7	0	0
Reed, p	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	7	21	4	3

Methodist ..... 0 0 3 0 1 0 0—4
Christian ..... 1 0 0 0 0 2 0—3

Two base hits, Bege, Riggs, Mitchel, McGowan. Stolen bases, Waggoner, Catty 2, Jolliffe, Furnier, Morris. Struck out—By Bege 8 by Reed 8. Base on balls, off Bege 2, off Reed 1. Umpire—Bortmus.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will hold a lawn fete Thursday evening Aug. 26 on Provinces' lawn, corner Fifth and Meadow. All are invited and a good time is expected by all. Refreshments of a high order will be served. 5t2

The worlds best drink, Barger's Tea and Coffee, 327 Fallowfield avenue. 305tf

GOVERNOR STUART APPOINTS MOFFITT THE CONTROLLER

Action Taken Yesterday Upon Officials Return to Harrisburg

WILL TAKE OFFICE SOON

Will in All Probability Have Office Fitted Up and at Work by First of Month

Word was received from Harrisburg late last night that Governor Edwin S. Stuart had appointed John H. Moffitt of Charleroi to the office of county controller the appointment to take place at once. The appointment was made after the governor's return from Philadelphia and after he had received information that Mr. Moffitt had been nominated for the place as candidate on the Republican ticket.

The appointment gives Mr. Moffitt the office until January 1, and it is safe wager that he will beat out any candidate that the Democratic party can put in the field against him.

Mr. Moffitt has not received his commission yet, but will probably get it in the course of a day. Then he will get things in readiness as soon as possible and take up the work. He will probably have everything in running order by the second week of September.

Where he is to have his office is a question. It is supposed to be at the court house, but every room in that place is filled now and it is probable that he will be forced to occupy temporary quarters with some other branch of the county government.

The appointment did not come as a surprise, as Governor Stuart was awaiting the result of the county committee meeting before taking action.

Charleroi Loses to Fayette City

Same Old Tale at Up River Town—The Score at End of Things Was 8 to 1

The Charleroi team was tendered another defeat up at Fayette City yesterday by the score of 8 to 1. The game was nothing to speak of and was all one sided. In the first and second innings Fayette City secured all its runs. The score:

	R	H	E
Fayette City	4 4 0 0 0 0 0 0—8	14	3
Charleroi	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1	6	3

Batteries—Fayette City, Campbell and Makepeace. Charleroi, O'Neil, Dietz and Stewart. Umpire, Wilkinson.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION HAS PICNIC

Surprise in Announcement of Coming Marriage of 1906 Graduate

SEVERAL MAKE ADDRESSES

Fifty members of the Charleroi High School Alumni Association enjoyed their first annual picnic and outing at Eldera Park yesterday afternoon and evening. This number is only about half the graduates of the high school here having 108 persons graduated.

The afternoon was spent in various ways by the members of the classes a ball game between two class teams being a feature. This was between classes of 1894 to 1903 and 1904 to 1909. The latter named class won, 7 to 5.

A regular picnic supper was served, at which there was considerable of a surprise. This was in the announcement of the marriage of R. Glenn Lynn, a member of the class of 1906. The affair was to take place today at Duquesne. The announcement was made by Robert Mountsier, 04, and Mr. Lynn has "to own up."

Addresses were made following the supper by Prof. J. A. Snodgrass, L. P. Flickinger, Jr., Miss Price G. Frye, Glenn Lynn, Robert Mountsier, and E. F. Krahmer.

Thompson.

Mabel Thompson, 32 years old, died at her her home at 521 McKean avenue last night at 9 o'clock, after a severe illness of typhoid fever. The body will be shipped to East Liberty, Pittsburg, to the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, and the funeral will be from there Thursday. Interment in the Highland cemetery. The parents and one sister survive. Miss Thompson had a manicuring establishment here. She took sick several days ago and became so ill that it was impracticable to take her home. She had many friends her who regret to learn of her death.

COSTS PLACED ON PROSECUTOR

Joseph Clements Freed of Charge of Theft of Corn

In the case of Joe Clements, charged with the larceny of corn from the field of Jennie Moreau at Speers, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty and placed the costs on the prosecutrix. The corn alleged to have been taken was valued at $7.50 and the costs will amount to over $100.

Card of Thanks.

Through the columns of the Charleroi Mail I desire to thank my many friends who so kindly remembered me on my 82nd. birthday the 22 of August, 1909.

6t1 Mrs. Elizabeth Furnier.

Attended Outing.

Fifteen members of the Charleroi order, L. C. B. A. attended the picnic and outing of the lodges of Western Pennsylvania at Kennywood Park yesterday. The day was spent in the usual way dancing being a feature.

Correction.

In chronicling the death of Clara Kohles yesterday a mistake was made in the name by the Mail it being published as Charles Kohles.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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Aug. 25 In American History.

1839—Francis Bret Harte, poet, author, born in Albany; died 1902

1885—Reuben E Fenton, ex-governor of New York, died at Jamestown; born 1819.

1895—H. O Houghton, head of the publishing house of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., died; born 1818.

1897—Mary Kyle Dallas, popular story writer, died; born 1847.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 6.40, rises 5:17; moon sets 11:57 p. m.; 5:12 a. m., moon at greatest libration east.

The Cost of Divorce.

England is seeing a vigorous agitation against the prohibitive cost of divorce so far as the laboring and wage-earning class is concered.

The cost of a divorce or legal separation, undefended, is from $150 to $200. Mr. E. S. Plowden, a London magistrate of large experience, points out that he shuts the door to any relief among the laborer, mechanic or small clerk class. A wife may be notoriously unfaithful or a man be brutal, intoxicated or flagitious in his daily life. Neither husband nor wife can secure redress, because a divorce costs too much unopposed. Opposed the cost instantly trebles. Court orders may require a man to support a wife of loose life or a wife may find herself defenseless against a husband's, brutality or unable to protect her children.

Lord Gorrell, who proposed legislation in the House of Lords, was vigorously opposed by the Archishop of Canterbury. Magistrate Plowden points out that the prelate knows nothing of the gross injustice worked good men and women, scourged and tormented by brutal and immoral spouses.

A precisely similar evil exists in this city. A divorce unopposed here costs at least $90 and generally $150 to $200. No day laborer or small wage-earner can afford this. Men under Court orders support dissolute wives and wives find themselves unable to exclude brutal, drinking and looselived husbands, because a decree of divorce costs more than they can possibly save.

Desertion charges, orders for maintenance and all the machinery set in motion by the wife or often well-meaning charitable agents may work a grevous injustice which would be remedied if husband or wife had a path open to obtain legal feedom. Mere poverty, it is pain, ought not to close the door to those who are urable to expend from $100 to $500 on the costs of a divorce suit.

"Double Up?"

The move to have letter carriers "double up" on their routes during vacation time, instead of having substitutes employed will doubtless result as Postmaster General Hitchcock expects, in the saving of a snug sum of money, and in no way injure the service. To the carriers themselves it would hardly be agreeable but then it may be argued, the volume of mail during the vacation time ...ly and August is generally decreased. Economy is a word to be closely watched. The United States debt is now large, and every means should be used to prevent its getting larger. Why should not this practicable system proposed by Mr. Hitchcock be used as one inasmuch as it would cut down the extra and to the ordinary person needless expense, $250,000. Vacations are to be advised but it is thought that it would be no hardship for the carriers to "double up."

Electric Sparks

An angry woman knocked a Belle Vernon burglar down with a sofa cushion. The burglar is now convinced that there is no such articlce in the average household as a soft thing when father is out.

The Elks are going to have one awful time up at Shady Grove Park netx Tuesday.

We have heard of men holding up a train, but yesterday was the first time that we ever had the experience of reading where cows held up a fast express. Wonder if they also robbed the mail car.

If someone would only start an anti-trust trust, there would be things going on for sure.

The Sheep Hill Philosopher says that "Th' spooniest man quite often refuses to stir eround and make a livin' after he gets married."

The most evident trouble with self made men, is that they don't trouble themselves to be agreeable.

The Wright Brothers father is a peacher. He evidently is more noted through his sons that he ever would have been through his own efforts.

Those who insist that the American sense of humor is on the decline should remember that there is less to laugh at now, than usual.

"Oh, if papa could see me now, shouted the little boy," as he jumped off the roof in an attempt to sail his airship. His papa did see him when he came down, and caught him. Now the boy has to stand while masticating his feed.

PLANT BAROMETERS.

The Dandelion, Clover Leaves and the Scarlet Pimpernel.

The dandelion is a dandy barometer, one of the commonest and most reliable. It is when the blooms have seeded and are in the fluffy, feathery condition that the weather prophet faculties come to the fore. In fine weather the ball extends to the full, but when rain approaches it shuts like an umbrella. If the weather is inclined to be showery it keeps shut all the time, only opening when the danger from the wet is past, says the Chicago Tribune.

The ordinary clover and all its varieties, including the trefoil and the shamrock, are also barometers. When rain is coming the leaves shut together like the shells of an oyster and do not open again until fine weather is assured. For a day or two before rain comes their stems swell to an appreciable extent and stiffen so that the leaves are borne more upright than usual. This stem swelling when rain is expected is a feature of many flowering grasses.

The fingers of which the leaves of the horse chestnut are made up keep flat and fanlike so long as fine weather is likely to continue. With the coming of rain, however, they droop as if to offer less resistance to the weather. The scarlet pimpernel is nicknamed the "poor man's weather glass" or wind cope and opens its flowers only in fine weather. As soon as rain is in the air it shuts up and remains closed until the shower or storm is over.

Church League.

Yesterday's Results:

Methodist 4; Christian 3

Standing of Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Methodist	7	1	875
Christian	6	1	857
Lutheran	4	4	500
First Presbyterian	3	4	429
W. A. Presbyterian	3	5	375
Episcopal	0	8	000

Today's Game:

First Presbyterian vs. Methodist.

Monongahela Valley League.

Fayette City 8, Charleroi 1

Monongahela 8, Roscoe 3

Standing of the Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Monongahela	5	1	833
Fayette City	5	3	625
Donora	3	2	600
Roscoe	4	3	571
Belle Vernon	4	3	571
California	2	3	500
Charleroi	2	5	286

GAMES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday

Donora at California

Saturday

Monongahela at Charleroi

Fayette City at Donora

California at Roscoe

Lavender Oil.

As four-fifths of the oil extracted from lavender is concealed in the bloom the harvest takes place just before the flower begins to fade at the end of August. The oil is distilled by means of steam, which is compelled to penetrate the closely packed lavender, afterward being drawn off in pipes that run through cold water. In this manner the steam is reconverted into water, but the process of passing through the lavender has extracted the oil, which floats on the surface of the water as it runs into glass jars down below. These jars have sprouts in the center, thus enabling the water to run out while the oil collects above the level of the exit. In this the first stage the oil is of a brownish blue tint, and it now has to be refined by passing once more through water. Thus all impurities are removed, and the oil runs out white, save for a very pale blue color similar to that observed in paraffin. Three pounds of oil will make thirty gallons of the perfume. The majority of ladies would be surprised if they were informed that a bottle of lavender water contains but about a thimbleful of pure oil, for a larger proportion would not only render the water too strong for use, but would burn holes through the handkerchief wherever the scent touched it —London Standard.

The Poor Bridegroom.

"Even the English language emphasizes the insignificance of a man at his own wedding," said the prospective bridegroom disconsolately. There isn't an independent word to designate him. He is merely called the groom of the bride, as if he were just about on a level with the bridesmaids and a little below the maid of honor. Best man, of course, means the bridegroom's best man, but the phrase itself tends to exalt this individual at the expense of his superior.

"Then there's no adjective to describe what pertains to the male half of the affair. You can't speak of the 'bridegroomal' trousers or necktie. On the other hand, 'bridal' applies not only to the possessions of the girl, but to what relates to both of them equally, like the trip and the bridal chamber. The very words 'matrimony' and 'matrimonial' are from the feminine side only. 'Patrimony' has nothing to do with the nuptials. It applies only to wealth and signifies that a man's part in the affair is to get out and hustle for the cash."—Philadelphia Ledger.

How Standing Armies Originated.

The earliest European standing army was that of Macedonia, established about 358 B. C. by Philip, father of Alexander the Great. It was the second in the world's history, having been preceded only by that of Sesotris Pharaoh of Egypt, who organized a military caste about 1600 B. C. Of modern standing armies, that formed by the Turkish janizaries was first, being fully organized in 1362. It was a century later that the standing army of France, the earliest in western Europe, was established by Charles VII. in the shape of "compagnies d'ordonnance," numbering 9,000 men. Rivalry thereupon compelled the nations to adopt similar means of defense. In England a standing army proper was first established by Cromwell, but was disbanded under Charles II., with the exception of a few regiments called the guards, or household brigade. This was the nucleus of England's present army.

A Girl's Preparedness.

There is something very pitiful about a girl. She wears calico, but talks knowingly about the latest styles in silks. Her home is furnished plainly, but she knows the latest styles in furniture; she knows how the silverware should be arranged at dinners, the latest stitch for the marking of monograms on the finest table damask, the etiquette to be observed at a dinner, a reception or a ball, although she never attended anything more than a neighborhood party in her life. Her father's monthly income is not as large as the pin money a rich girl would spend in a day, but she knows what the rich girl should wear and buy to be in touch with the times. She is, in short, prepared at any time to marry a rich man and become a society leader.—Atchison Globe.

A Famous Poem.

J. C. Francis, the publisher of London Notes and Queries, has brought out a volume of reminiscences. One of his quotations records the editorial rejection of Campbell's "Hohenlinden" by the Greenock Advertiser. It runs thus:

T. C.—The lines commencing "On Linden when the sun was low" are not up to our standard. Poetry is evidently not T. C.'s forte.

A Home Body.

"So your husband always stays in the house nights?" said one woman.

"Yes," answered the other. "Once Hiram gets settled down in front of his fireside you can't get him out of doors even to bring in an armful of wood."

A Household Matter.

Housemaid — Please, sir, will you come at once? The drorin' room's on fire. Master—Well, go and tell your mistress. You know I never interfere in household matters.—Punch.

The Sour Philosopher.

"Some people give trouble a bug."

"Well?"

"Others carry the flirtation too far and get married."—Washington Herald.

True merriment may be distinguished from false by the fact that it bears reflection. We can think of it with pleasure next day and next week.

Douglas Business College

CHARLEROI, PA.

Reopens Day school Aug. 31, Night school Sept. 6, '09

The past history of Douglas College has been one of success. Its graduates are found in responsible positions up and down the Monongahela River, in Pittsburg, and other cities. The high standard set for graduation has enabled the graduates of the college to enter the most difficult positions and fill them successfully.

The course of instruction is thorough

It is not what one studies, but how he studies that determines his success. Thousands of young people are studying the English branches every year, but there are not very many in each thousand that are accurate in arithmetic, good in spelling, excellent in penmanship, and able to write a good business letter; yet these are the very branches on which special stress is laid in Douglas College.

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An Ancient Sky Pilot.

From Garnett's "Anthology," volume 7, page 48, I copy the following, taken from the "Writings of Lucian," a Greek born about 100 A. D:

"We were suddenly caught by a whirlwind, which turned our vessel several times around in a circle with tremendous velocity and lifted it above 3,000 stadia in the air, not setting it down again on the sea, but kept it suspended above the water at that height and carried us on, with swelled sails, above the clouds."

In these days of air conquest this quotation might be of utmost interest to aeronauts and also literary men. This ancient Gulliver long preceded Swift, and as for outdistancing Jules Verne another quotation is added:

"Having thus continued our course through the sky for a space of seven days and as many nights, on the eighth day we described a sort of earth in the air," etc. (which proved to be the moon).

The thoroughly familiar vernacular expression "going some" applies with original vigor to this early and perhaps first sky pilot.—New York Times.

The Lost Donkey.

In Turkey they tell stories about Nasr-ed-Din and his donkey. Once upon a time when the donkey was lost Nasr-ed-Din went about seeking it, at the same time giving thanks as he went.

"Why do you give thanks?" asked his friend. "I see no cause for thankfulness."

"Cause enough!" was the prompt reply. "Why, man alive, if I had been along with that donkey I'd have been lost too!"—New York Tribune.

Use For the Anchor.

"Captain," remarked the nuisance on shipboard who always asks foolish questions, "what is the object in throwing the anchor overboard?"

"Young man," replied the old salt, "do you understand the theory of seismic disturbances? Well, we throw the anchor overboard to keep the ocean from slipping away in the fog."

Oh!

"How did you act when he proposed?"

"I sank gracefully on one knee."

"How ridiculous! What in the world did you sink on your knee for?"

"On his knee, not mine."—Houston Post.

Quite a Difference.

Customer—Can't you give anything off to a clergyman?- Tradesman—Not in this instance, sir. You see, these goods is different from yours. These is guaranteed goods.—Life.

Love, like fortune, turns upon a wheel and is very much given to rising and falling.—Vanbrugh.

An Obliging President.

During a short lived revolution, says Harper's Weekly, there came to be the head of the government in a little Central American republic a man who was above all things courteous and who was, moreover, very anxious to gain the good will of the foreign consuls. One of the latter, having heard that a certain countryman of his had died, addressed a note to the head of the new government, in which he stated that his own government would be grateful for a certificate of death of the individual in question. A few days later the consul received this communication:

Esteemed Senor—I blush to say that I cannot at present comply with your excellency's request for a death certificate of the man named. I sent my soldiers but he got away, to my shame. I shall use every effort to catch him, however, and hope to send your excellency the desired certificate at an early date.

Needless to say, the consul lost no time in communicating to the obliging president the information that the certificate was undesired, in view of the fact that the individual was able to "get away."

A West Indian Wife Catcher.

As is customary with Indians the world over, the Caribs are expert basket weavers, and many strong and handsome baskets are to be bought in Roseau at reasonable prices if one finds the right shops, writes Harriet Quimby in Leslie's Weekly. A peculiar instrument, made of basket straw and woven closely together so as to form a hollow tube ending in a thong of twisted ends and commonly dubbed a wife catcher, is also made and sold by the Caribs. By slipping the hollow end over a man's finger above the joint and pulling on the twisted end the catcher will tighten around the finger and the captive will be unable to release his hand. It is claimed that the Indians formerly employed this device as a handcuff for prisoners, using several for each hand and leading the captives by the fingers. Few tourists are permitted to leave Roseau without a wife catcher, for which sixpence is willingly exchanged.

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HIS NARROW ESCAPE.

By JOHN C. ARMSTRONG.

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When I was twenty-five years old I passed a crisis in my life at which I shudder today, though it happened forty years ago. For two hours I was suspended, so to speak, between a life of comfort and a prison, and the two hours ended with five minutes between life and death.

This is how it happened:

When the Union Pacific railroad was building I was taken up by one of its most influential directors with a view to preferment. The only position he could secure for me at first was paymaster, but promised if I proved worthy to do better later on. My work was to go over the line as far as completed in a pay car and pay off the employees. Well, on one of these trips I reached Julesburg, then the terminal, though Laramie was to be made the terminal in a few days. I paid off at Julesburg, having between $4,000 and $5,000 left for the force at Laramie, and I was to go there the next morning.

To kill time I went over to a hotel near the station, where I found a number of men playing poker. I sat down to watch the game and had not done so very long before I observed that none of the players seemed to know very much about the game. I had a hundred dollars of my own in my pocket besides the money I was to pay off with at Laramie. I had played poker a good deal for small stakes with my friends and was considered by them as an adept at the game. It occurred to me that I might as well take some of the money that was passing to and fro between these men, and—well, I foolishly took a hand.

I was what they were playing for, and they continued to play for me till they had got my hundred dollars. Then came the temptation to recoup with the company's money, a yielding, and the loss of nearly all of it. I knew by this time that the men were card sharpers and were cheating me. But I knew also that to accuse any one of them would bring on a row that would expose me. As to fighting them with their own weapons, cheating, if I did so and was detected I would get a bullet in my brain.

A terrible situation like this doesn't usually affect one at the time as it does after it has passed. Though I have for years looked upon it with horror, at the time my feelings did not get the better of my equanimity. I presume this was because I realized that to keep my head was my only chance.

There was $4,500 in the pot, or just the amount I had lost. On the previous hand I had picked up several cards that had fallen on the floor and slipped one of them up my sleeve. I was so desperate that I resolved to cheat and if I did not win the big pot on the table let the others see that I was cheating and get a bullet in my brain. When my hand was dealt me there were two kings in it. I drew three cards, one of them being a king. The card I had picked up off the floor was a king. I had given up an ace, so no one could hold four aces. The only hand to beat four kings was a royal flush, a pretty hard hand for any one to purposely make up while being watched. If I could get in my four kings I could save myself. But what would I do with the extra card? I was desperate, as I have said, and resolved to trust to luck to get rid of it without detection. A device occurred to me. Drinks were coming on, and, seeing some sandwiches on a counter waiting to be sent out to another party, I called for one of them. As soon as I had secured it I uttered an exclamation and looked fixedly through the open doorway. Every man turned his head, and I slipped my extra card into the sandwich. When the men turned I was eating bread, meat and card altogether.

I won the pot, but one of the party, looking at me fixedly, said, "Stranger, what'd you see when you sang out so suddenly just now?"

My success gave me confidence, and I kept my coolness, but I could think of nothing probable for a reply. "I thought I saw a friend of mine," I replied, "out there whom I supposed to be in Chicago."

"Are you sure you ain't got a deck up your sleeve or somewhere."

"What do you mean?" I replied, bristling. Rising, I shook my sleeves and turned my pockets inside out, showing that no card could be concealed on my person. Then, scooping up the pot, I said:

"Gentlemen, I have been accused of cheating, and I will play no more. I am loser by about $75, so that I have a perfect right to quit."

Though I knew my life hung in the balance, nothing could equal the relief I felt as I turned squarely away and walked out of the house. They doubtless felt sure I had purposely directed their attention from myself while I cheated, but I had not been detected, and the difference was the difference between life and death.

It would be impossible to describe my feelings as I walked to my car. Horror, relief and so many other emotions were mingled that I didn't know whether I walked, staggered or flew. When I reached my car I threw myself on my bunk and shook like a leaf in the wind.

The crisis passed. I was sure never to be caught again. I was rapidly promoted, became one of the principal officers of another road and have had a successful life.

MAJOR GRAHAM AND OTHERS.

A Conspiracy That Resulted In Complete Success.

By CLAY ARMSTRONG.

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Major George Graham, retired army officer, had been a widower for ten years. His daughter Nellie was nineteen years old.

The major realized that he was growing old, but when it came to the daughter he continued to regard her as a child. Even when she got into long dresses he would not have been a bit surprised to find her walking the fence with a balancing pole or seated on the limb of a cherry tree. She had been away at school; she had returned; he knew that she went to parties, and he saw young men about the house, but he seemed to be in a dream about her age. In his thoughts she had not passed the rag doll stage yet.

Major Graham was enjoying his cigar on the veranda one evening and listening to Nellie's chatter in an abstracted way when that young woman made a sudden dive into the house and a young man came up the path and took the vacated chair. The major squinted at him and thought he recognized him as young Hurlburt.

A young man's name may be much or little to the father of the girl he is in love with. In this case it meant little until an explanation had been entered into. Then it meant a whole lot. Young Mr. Hurlburt loved Miss Nellie; Miss Nellie loved him. He was of good family and had some prospects; he knew she was an only child, and realized how hard it would be for the father to give her up, but he would love, protect and cherish her always. The major was so shocked that in his excitement he threw away a cigar that had been only half consumed, a thing he had not done in battle with the guns roaring around him.

Just what the man of war said to the young man of peace need not be recorded here. The gist of it was that his daughter was still a child, young Hurlburt was only a "kid" and that he should put his foot down against any nonsense. Yes, sir, it must be stopped. Yes, sir, he would tell his daughter so. Yes, sir, and—and—and so forth. And the young man took his departure a human wreck, and Miss Nellie, who, of course, had heard all from an open window, sought out her good aunt and buried her face in the lap of that individual and moaned out:

"Oh, Aunt Mary, I shall die—I know I shall die! Father won't let Will and me get married!"

Aunt Mary was not a matchmaker, but she had rather favored the young man. She gave what comfort and sympathy she could, and after seeing the weeping "child" tucked into bed she sought the father in an attempt to soften his heart.

The major was wanting some one to talk to just then, and she got all that was coming to her. She had been remiss, she had been careless, she had neglected her duties as a chaperon, she had almost brought a calamity upon the house of Graham. With her eyes wide open she had allowed a mere infant—yes, ma'am, an infant—to fall in love and engage herself in marriage to—to—well, to a young man.

In vain Aunt Mary tried to exculpate herself. No one had ever talked back to Major Graham, U. S. A., and got the best of it, and she failed. He could utter twenty words to her five, and the odds were too great, even for a woman's tongue. She retired from the contest to say to the tearful maiden in waiting:

"If your father doesn't get over this and talk sense I'll—I'll"—

"You'll do something, Aunty?"

"I don't know what I'll do, but you wait. Here you are, nineteen years old, and he's talking as if you were not out of bibs and high chairs."

There was hope that if Aunt Mary went around with a serious look on her face and had little to say and that if the daughter went about with tears in her eyes and heaved heartbreaking sighs at intervals the major might come down off his high horse, but after three days of it he seemed more determined than ever. Finally, at the end of a week, the sister said:

"George, if that girl elopes to get married you will have only yourself to blame."

"So children have taken to eloping, eh!" he replied in cutting tones.

That night there was a meeting of conspirators in Miss Nellie's room. There were only two conspirators, but they were enough. The major was asleep and dreaming of battle as they planned. There were no more tears, no more sighs. Next morning a little note was sent to young Hurlburt. That night he disappeared off the face of the earth.

That night also good Aunt Mary was engaged for two hours carrying bundles and other things up into the attic, and when morning dawned again another sudden shock was ready for Major George Graham, retired. He was eating his breakfast when his sister entered the dining room to announce that Nellie's bed had not been occupied during the night. The exclamation made by the major when a bullet killed his horse was repeated on this occasion, and a minute later he was upstairs.

"I predicted it!" observed the sister as she followed at his heels.

"Look for a note," he replied.

"I have looked. The poor child left none. She felt herself driven from home by a cruel father, and how could she write?"

Young Hurlburt had just become the junior member of a law firm in the town. Major Graham walked into the office and demanded information of his whereabouts. He was told that the young man had gone camping. He went to the depot; he went to the police; he telegraphed here and there. Then he went home to wait for news and to say grimly to his sister that, while he would do everything possible to bring his "infant" back, he would never, never forgive her. She had dishonored the name and must take the consequences.

The day passed and no news. It was the same with another day. The major was sorry that he had blustered as he had. The sister took care to keep telling him what a cruel father he was and how much Nellie must have suffered before taking the step she had, and by evening of the second day the old war hero was calling himself names.

The scene was the veranda again. The major was smoking and sighing when young Hurlburt suddenly appeared. He was not shot down in his tracks. He was not even taken by the throat.

"Major, I understand you were inquiring for me the other day," he quietly remarked.

"Yes, sir; yes, sir. Where is my daughter, sir?"

"The last time I saw her was here at your house."

"And you tell me—you mean that she and you did not elope!"

"Elope! Major Graham, do you think I would coax your daughter into such a thing?"

"But she is gone. Whom did she go with?" Where is she?"

"I cannot tell you. I was off camping."

"Mr. Hurlburt, I refused you my daughter's hand, but at the same time I believed you an honorable young man."

"I believe I am, sir."

"And your daughter would do nothing to dishonor herself or her dear old daddy!" said Miss Nellie as she suddenly appeared and sank down at her father's knee.

"You—you back again!" he gasped.

"Why, I've not been away. I got tired of my room and moved up into the attic for a change. It's just lovely up there, only the mice made me afraid nights. You didn't think your Nellie would run away just because you were a little cross, did you?"

"See here, I don't understand this a bit," said the major as he recovered his senses.

And then came the last shock. His sister came forward and said:

"Why, brother, it's easy enough to understand. They are in love with each other and want your consent to their marriage."

The major wouldn't have been the major if he had given them his blessing then and there, but the records show that he did within the next month, and that was good enough.

An Anecdote of Verdi.

The first production of Verdi's opera "Othello" took place at Milan, and all the prominent musical critics of Europe foregathered in the Cathedral City in honor of the occasion. Among them was a Parisian journalist of wide reputation and admitted authority in the musical world. His first care on his arrival in Milan was to seek out Verdi and ask to be allowed to be present at one of the final rehearsals. The composer received him with extreme politeness, but replied that he could not possibly grant his request, as he had decided that the rehearsals were to be absolutely private, and he could not make an exception in the favor of any one journalist, however distinguished.

The Paris critic, far from pleased at this answer, protested that in these circumstances his account of the opera might not be all he should like it to be. "You see," he explained to the composer, who affected not quite to understand, "I shall have to telegraph my article the same evening. It will necessarily be hastily written, and the impression in Paris the next day may suffer in consequence."

But Verdi was more than equal to the occasion. "M. dear sir," he made answer, "I do not write for 'the next day.'" The critic bowed himself out.

Soup Without a Spoon.

Soup without a spoon seems even harder to negotiate than meat without a fork, and we can sympathize with the complaint recorded in the diary of Felix Platter, a young Swiss, who went to Montpellier in 1552 in order to study medicine. He lodged in the house of his professor, Catelan, one of the greatest doctors of his time, and yet, writes Platter, "we were compelled to eat our stew in the usual French fashion—that is to say, picking the meat out with our fingers and then drinking the broth. In vain we begged our hostess to let us have spoons, but not a single one was to be found in the house, the only implement on the table being a large knife fastened with an iron chain. No one here seems to have ever heard of spoons, which we at home find so useful." Montaigne was astonished when he visited Switzerland in 1580 to find that "at all meals they put on the table as many spoons as there are people present."—Westminster Gazette.

About to Make a Change.

"What is he going to do now?" breathlessly asked the agitated young woman, with her eyes on the daring aeronaut who was clinging to his parachute.

"He is about to sever his connection with the balloon," replied her escort, "to accept a position a little lower down."—Exchange.

THE DEACON'S DAY.

By M. QUAD.

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Deacon Hardstone of Riverton was a good man. He was a man of years and dignity. He was a man always to be found on the side of law and order and charity. The only thing in this world that troubled him and his good wife was the fact that they had a nephew over at Saltville who was a loud young man. Money had been left him by an aunt, and he sported. He not only sported at home, despite the protests of his widowed mother, but he came over to Riverton and sported there. The deacon struggled and struggled with him, but it did no good. He would drink cocktails, and he would speed his auto around the town and on the highways, and finally he was ordered out of the deacon's house and told never to return. Then the sporty youth began to study how to get even.

Now, the deacon had a weakness for sweet cider, though he didn't go telling it around. When cider making time came he carted apples to the mill and had one barrel of cider made—never more. The cider would retain its sweetness for about a month. When it began to get an edge on it, it was provided with "mother" and rolled aside to become vinegar.

Of course this little one barreled affair was known to the nephew, and after a little thought he saw his way clear. When the apples and the barrel had been taken to the mill he was ready with his plot. Perhaps he had the aid of the owner of the mill, but that has never been satisfactorily settled. There are thirty-two gallons of cider in the average barrel. How many gallons of something else went into the barrel has not yet been solved by Sherlock Holmes. It was sufficient, no matter what the number.

When the deacon went after his barrel it was ready for him, and never did a cider barrel look more innocent. It was rolled down cellar to cool and was not tapped until the afternoon of the next day. Then the deacon's wife went out to visit a neighbor, and he put a spigot in the barrel and drew a glass to drink. He had been drinking cider for twenty-three years, but never did cider taste like that before. It had a peculiar taste. It had an agreeable taste. The palate just cried out for more. The deacon gave it more. He was a little bit frightened when he found himself laughing, for he had not laughed for sixteen years by the almanac, but he drew another glass and slowly sipped it and figured that he must have mixed a lot of Seek No Further apples in with the pippins. At any rate, he wasn't going to seek any further for a good thing. Who can tell just how many glasses of sweet cider a man will drink under favorable conditions? You can't even guess at it.

When Deacon Hardstone ascended from the cellar his eyes were shining and his hair curling. He put on his hat and walked out to the gate, wondering why his heels were so springy, and down by the postoffice he saw an auto. It was the one belonging to his sporty nephew. He walked down there to give the young man a blast; but, not finding him, he was seized with a sudden desire to take a ride all by his lonesome. He had been shown how to start and stop the machine. Before leaping in he whooped. He didn't mean to whoop, but the whoop sorter whooped itself. Then he whooped again as he started off.

The town of Riverton will never forget that day. In fact, it is observed as a sort of holiday under the name of "deacon's day." He put that auto at its fastest clip and went up and down the four or five streets. He drove everybody within doors. He immolated twenty different runaways. He whooped at the corners, and he whooped in the middle of the blocks. Sometimes he whooped and swung his hat at the same time.

When this happened the machine either grazed a tree or took to the sidewalk and cleared off the kerosene barrels in front of the groceries. Of course it was plain that something was wrong, and a hundred people would have extended help if they could, but the trouble was they couldn't.

But they stopped the deacon at last. They piled dry goods boxes on the street and ran him into a millinery store and captured him. He was still whooping, but he didn't fight back when they carried him home and put him to bed. Of course there was something done about it. No deacon can perform that way after so many years of probity without a bit of scandal following. He had to toe the mark before his church. He was dimly conscious that he had drunk too much cider, and he intended to own up like a man and ask that the contents of the barrel be investigated. He was saved from this, however. A brother deacon suggested that he submit his head for medical examination, and the suggestion was followed. A doctor felt of his bumps, asked him a lot of questions and then made a medical report to the effect:

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And after the charges against the deacon had been dropped he went home and said to his wife:

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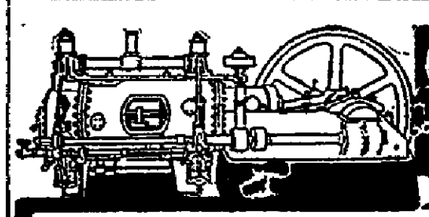

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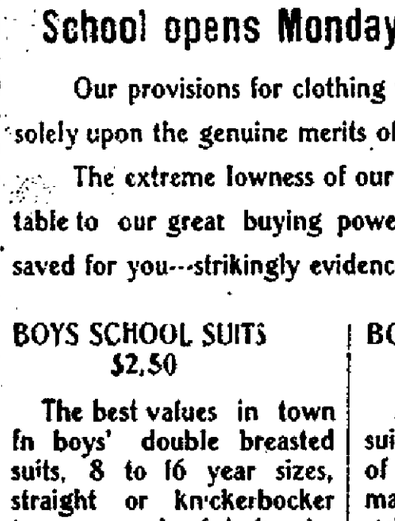

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LOCAL NOTES

Brief Mention of People and Events in this Community.

Miss Marie Estenfelder is spending a few days in Fallowfield township with friends.

Miss Lulu Trew was a visitor in Pittsburg on Monday.

Ed. C. Drum of Millsboro was a visitor this morning in Charleroi.

Miss Erma Holyfield returned last evening from Niagara Falls, where she spent the summer.

Otto Lynn of North Side, Pittsburg, is a guest of his brother, Councilman Oscar Lynn of Fallowfield avenue.

Daniel Lean returned to his home in Homewood today after a visit in Charleroi with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hill left today for Toronto, Can., and other points for a few weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Stewart have left for Chautauqua, N. Y. and other places for a few days visit.

Richard Hitchens of McKeesport has returned home after a visit with Frank Arrison of Washingon avenue.

George Kline and George Barnett returned last evening from a visit at Atlantic City.

Lover.

Miss Edith Horn is spending a month at the home of John Gayman of Zollarsville.

Misses Mayme and Margaret Bonnell of Manown are visiting friends here for a few days.

Isaac E. Morris is spending a few days visiting friends in Ohio.

Miss Eliazbeth Carson who has been spending a much needed vacation with Bethany W. Va., friends has returned home feeling much better.

Miss Vada Rider is spending a few days with her uncles Henry and Simon Rider near Charleroi.

The storm of last Friday was very severe here the barn of E. E. Colvin near here was struck and burned to the ground with most of its contents.

Loren Hopkins and family have moved to Centerville.

John C. Murphy of Washington was visiting his mother, Mrs. Lacy Murphy of Pike Run and at the home of his uncle A. B. Waller here Sunday.

Miss Lucetta Redd of Monongahela was the guest of her uncle, John Rider of this place and Henry and Sin Rider near Charleroi last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mosier and Mr. and Mrs. Frederck of Garwood sent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Phillips.

Miss Edna Hawkins visited her cousin, Miss Elma Lutes of Charleroi last week.

Hop Carroll was a Sunday visior of his sister Mrs. Frank Bowser of Fredericktown.

Mrs. John Carroll and daughter of Cokeburgand Miss Smith of Ohio were guests Sunday at the home of Newton Carrol.

William Sutherland, mail carrier on Coal Centre route No. 2 has purchased a new automobile.

Mrs. Millie Deems returned to her home Saturday near Beallsville from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lot Winnett where she had been visiting for a few days.

Vic. Baker of Clairton is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. White Wilson.

Russell Carroll has returned to his work at McKeesport from a few days vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Carroll.

Harvey McMilen has returned to his home in Pittsburg after a pleasant visit at the home of his brother, Robert McMillen.

Mr. and Mrs. George Headly of Glasport spent last week with Mrs. Laura Dickey.

Miss Bertie Waller who suffered a relapse four weeks ago is again improving slowly but is not able to sit up yet.

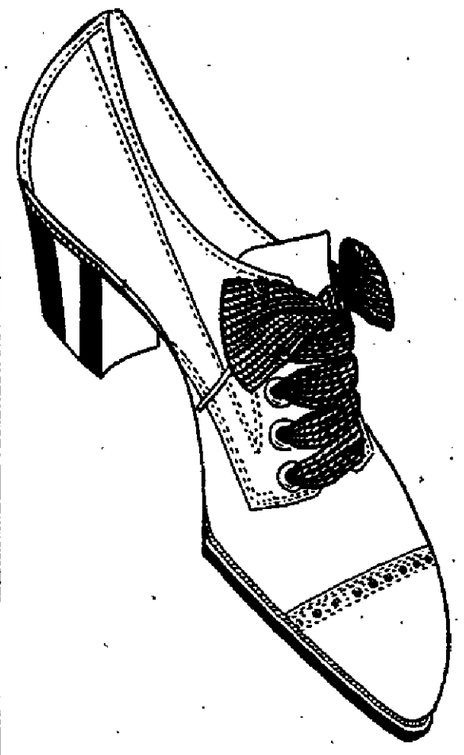
Babies' Bank Accounts.

In Schoenberg, a suburb of Berlin, every baby is born with a banking account. No Schoenberg baby can help this even if it wants to. The municipal regulations provide that whenever the birth of a child is recorded the officials of the municipal savings bank shall issue a bank book in the said baby's name. The city itself then deposits 1 mark (about 25 cents) and immediately allows interest. With this nest egg the authorities believe that the parents of the child will be encouraged in thrift and that the baby itself will have a fair start on the road to wealth. No withdrawals are allowed in less than two years, and the ordinance applies to all children, whether they are members of poor families or descended from millionaires.

Babies are popular in Schoenberg.

The learned man conceals his erudition, the silly man clothes himself with it.—Houssaye.

SPECIAL THURSDAY SALE



Men's and Ladies' Slippers in all sizes, regular 50c grade..... 29c

Women's Button Shoes—patent leather, with cloth or fancy suede tops, values up to $4.00 for..... $2.45

Women's Shoes in blucher and button, kid and fine gun metal, choice of many styles, worth up to $4 for.....$2.45

Women's Low Shoes, in golden brown, choice of oxfords, gibsons and pumps with straps, all sizes for $2.45

Women's Pumps in patent colt leather or gunmetal, with flat bows and welt soles, $3.50 and $4 types, all sizes and every width from AA to D.....$2.45

Women's Gibson Ties—grey, brown and white canvas, with ribbon laces, also a few in lavender, purple, pink and blue, $2.50 to 3.50 grades at.....$1.00

Women's Evening Slippers—suede, patent leather and all the dainty kid colors, many sorts and values up to $4.00 for..... $2.45

Women's Low Shoes in brown kid and tan calf, Gibson ties or one strap ankle pumps, all sizes and various values up to $3.50 for..... $2.45

Women's Gibson Ties in patent leather, with welt and turn soles and silk laces, also some in black kidskin and gunmetal calf, every size at $1.95

Men's Shoes, lace and blucher, made of cheviot and khaki cloth, with oak welt soles, all sizes, at 98c

Women's Juliet Slippers—made of kid with rubber heels; also women's "Sensible" one strap house slippers and no-strap slippers of the finest sorts, all at.....98c

Men's Welt Oxfords, $2.00, 2.50 and $4 ones, in a large variety of patent leathers, enamel leathers, gunmetals and russets, all sizes, for.....$1.98

Boy's Blucher Shoes, in box calf, solid leather, sizes 9 to 13, and 1 to 5½, warranted for service for $1.00

Men's Slippers—$1.50 to 2.50 ones, in leather of all colors and in every size, at.....98c

Boys' Blucher Oxfords—in patent leather with oak soles, $2 to $3.50 values, all sizes at..... $1.00

Girls' "Fitzyou" Ties, sold all the season up to now for $3, most wanted styles in all sizes up to big girls for.....$1.00

Boys' Blucher Shoes, in tan calf, all leathers and every size from 11 to 5½, for.....$1.00

Girls' and Misses' Low Shoes, fancy button, in golden brown kidskin, sizes 6 to 8, 9 to 11 and 12 to 2, worth $2.50 pr.....$1.00

Girls' Button Shoes—brown kidskin for school and dress wear, also patent leather, sizes 6 to 8, 9 to 11 and 12 to 2, worth $2.50 a pair, for $1.00

We have about 225 pairs of men's and ladies' oxfords and shoes, regular $2.50 to $3 grade, our special.....$1.00

Babies' Soft Sole Shoes, 50c Grade, 19c

Girls' Low Shoes—in various styles, colored kid with fancy tops, and tan kid and calf, with hand sewed soles, worth up to $3.50 and $4, at.....$1.00

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FOR RENT—Nice airy six room flat with bath and pantry. Charleroi Real Estate Agency company. First National Bank Building. 308tf

FOR RENT—Pleasantly furnished room, business part of town. Bath. 296 Mail office. 313tf

FOR RENT—Furnished room, 107 Second street. 4t3p

LOST

LOST—On Fifth street between the railroad station and Fallowfield avenue a garnet star shaped pin. Finder return to 226 Mail office and receive reward. 4t3p

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USE OF CARBONITE IN THE PITTSBURG COAL COMPANY'S MINES CAUSES BIG STRIKE

Miners Will Not Work Until Matter Has Been Definitely Settled---Hardship to Them

THIS VICINITY AFFECTED

One Thousand or More Men in Radius of Ten Miles Refuse to Go to Work This Morning

As a result of the controversy over the use of carbonite in the mines, there are probably 15,000 miners of the Pittsburg Coal company on strike at the present time. The strike has not been officially ordered, but the man are out and it amounts to about the same thing. There are probably 1,000 men out in this immediate vicinity within a radius of ten miles. It is impossible to learn what are the prospects of settlement, but it is understood that unless there is something done that will relieve the miners from what they please to term hardships, they will not go back to work. From this reason the strike promises to develop into a very serious affair.

Notices had previously been sent out by the Pittsburg Coal company that after August 25, it would be necessary to use carbonite as an explosive instead of black powder, and under the same conditions.

This has caused some controversy, and yesterday in this immediate vicinity there were but two mines of the Pittsburg Coal company working, one of the Somers mines at Pricedale and one at Fayette City. They were closed down this morning, the men refusing to go to work

The mines near here that are closed down by reasons of the strike are the Little Squaw mine, at Dunlevy, employing about 150 men; Somers No. 2 and Somers No. 4, at Pricedale, employing between them probably 450 men Arnold No. 1 and Arnold No. 2 at Fayette City, employing between them probably 250 men.

The trouble is the same that has caused the strike at the Mongah and McClinton mines near Monongahela and it is likely will threaten others as well. The State mine inspectors have advised that carbonite be used instead of black powder. The miners do not so much object to this but they find fault in that the operators refuse to pay them for the extra expense necessary, and the extra work of mining. It is stated that Black Diamond mines are closed also.

The trouble at the Charleroi mines last May which was identically the same as that now at the other mines was settled by the operators agreeing to reimburse the miners for their extra trouble and expense.

Notice.

Joe Evanicky would like to hear from his son Andrew, 12 years old, who left home Monday last. He has brown hair and eyes wore a blue waist, dark grey cap and coat and black knee pants. Any person hearing of him or knowing of his whereabouts will please address. Joe Evanicky.
7tlp Box 257, Donora, Pa.

The worlds best drink, Barger's Tea and Coffee, 327 Fallowfield avenue. 305tf

Charleroi Assault Case Being Heard

Joseph Jalhay Charged by Emile Heck With Crime

Joseph Jalhay of Lock No. 4 was placed on trial yesterday afternoon before Judge McIlvaine on a charge of robbery and assault and battery. Emile Heck is the private prosecutor. Heck alleges that on June 14 Jalhay met him on the wayhome and there held him up and took from him 50 cents and then beat him with a club. Fergus Brothers represent the prosecution and Attorney Tombaugh the defendant.

CONTRACT LET FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEWELL PLANT

Nicola Company of Pittsburg Proposes to Erect Structures for $64,477

ACTUAL WORK TO BEGIN

The contract for the erection of the two large buildings at Newell, by the General Chemical company of New York, has been let to the Nicola Construction company of Pittsburg. The contract was filed in the Fayette County prothonotary's office yesterday.

The price for the buildings is $64,477. It is stated that the actual work of consruction will be started in a short time, Manager Edmundson of the Chemical company being on the ground now to assist in the work, and to generally oversee it.

CABOOSE OF LOCAL FREIGHT BURGLARIZED

A caboose of a local freight train was broken open as it was standing on the siding here last night, but owing to the fact that the would-be-burglar or burglars could not get the locks on the lockers open, they were unable to get anything of value. A dinner bucket was all that was taken. Entry was made by breaking open the lock of the door. There were marks found where they had tried to open the lockers. A P. R. R. detective was called to the scene, but was unable to locate the burglars. It is supposed to have been the work of tramps.

Sunday School at Eldora.

The Christian Sunday School will have their outing at Eldora Park tomorrow. Two special street cars will have Fifth street at 9 o'clock for the park.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reeves, Mrs. Edith Reeves and Miss Dessie Blaker made an automobile trip to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Vance, near Carmichaels yesterday.

CONSPIRACY CASES ARE OPENED IN CONNECTION WITH COAL CENTER BANK

Only Two Witnesses Heard, Owing to the Amount of Time Taken Up With Hearing Objections

GREAT ARRAY OF LEGAL TALENT IN THE BATTLE

The case of the commonwealth against C. H. Drum and Frederick Ward, charged with having conspired to defraud the Bank of Coal Centre was taken up yesterday afternoon before Judge Taylor. The private prosecutor is J. W. Stewart. The amount of money involved is said to be $55,000. Counsel for Mr. Ward are R. W. Irwin of Washington and A. B. Hay of Pittburg; for Mr. Drum, John C. Bane and A. T. Morgan, of Pittsburg, and A. M. Linn of Washington; for the commonwealth, District Attorney Acheson and for the bank directors, Underwood and Meloy.

Two counts of the indictment were quashed on the grounds that the Bank of Coal Centre, being a bank of discount and deposit and not a bank of issue it is not subject to the provisions of the act of April 16, 1850, which prohibits a bank cashier from engaging in any other business.

After a hard fight the by-laws of the bank and the private agreement with Drum that he was not to engage in any other business than cashier, were admitted in evidence. Only two witnesses were examined C. S. Hornbake, one of the directors of the bank and State Bank Examiner McClain.

MAY SOLVE MYSTERY OF DEATH

The mystery surrounding the identity of the woman found in the Monongahela river and believed to have been murdered near Charleroi on January 24, may yet be solved.

A Pittsburg man called on Coroner James T. Heffran yesterday to secure some information with regard to the case. The man stated that a cousin of his had been missing for several months and that the woman drowned in the Monongahela and now resting in the potter's field at Charleroi may turn out to be his missing relative.

The man explained that he had but recently returned from a several months sojourn in the east and on his return home discovered that his relative had been missing for some months. He stated that the woman was a social outcast and absented herself for lengthy periods from her relatives.

The man informed Coroner Heffran that he had sought information as to her whereabouts from the authorities of Allegheny county and after finding no clue was directed to Mr. Heffran, that possibly the unknown found at Charleroi might be the party.

The man said he would come to Charleroi today and visit Reeves and Reeves, the undertakers. A picture was taken of the unfortunate girl before she was buried and some of her clothing was kept in order that they might lead to a clue as to her identity.

CHINAMAN ENROLLED AS W. & J. STUDENT

Another Chinese youth proposes to enroll himself as a student at the W. and J. academy. He is Tsai Moo Chun, late of Canton, China. Mr. Chun is the son of His Excellency Tsai Ni Wang, governor of the province of Kiang Su, with his official residence at Shangnai, and his home at Canton.

This young Chinaman, who is about 17 years old, has been in this country since April, 1908, having been among the number who came over with Wu Ting Fang. He has been since that time in school at Bethlehem, Pa. The determining factor that brings him to old Wash-Jeff academy is his friendship for C. K. Loo, who was a popular student at the academy there last year and expects to continue the course.

This newest recruit from the Celestial kingdom expects to take the four-year course of the academy, to prepare himself for the Colorado School of Mining. He expects to become a mining engineer.

Picnic Today.

The Charleroi Lodge F. and A. M. No. 615 is enjoying their fourth annual outing at Eldora Park today. The feature of the afternoon, weather permitting, will be sporting events.

Miss Clara Cooper returned today from an extended trip to the West, where she visited in California, Washington and other states.

GAME SAID TO BE PLENTIFUL THIS SEASON

Nimrods in Charleroi are cleaning up their field pieces in anticipation of the chase after the game birds and animals of the State. It is only a short time now until the open game season. Plover came in on July 15, but this bird is rare in the western end of the state and cuts no figure with the huntsmen hereabouts. The first day in the woods will be on October 15 when quail and ruffled grouse or pheasant become the legal prey to the hunters.

The state is in receipt of a Digest of the Game, Fish and Forestry laws of the state. Among the things to which special attention should be called, is an act of May 5th, this year, stating that a foreigner is not even allowed to own a gun.

It is reported that game is plentiful this year, and especially rabbits are to be found in abundance. The open season on game is as follows:

Deer, November 15 to December 1 males with visible horns, one each season.

English Mongolian or Chinese Pheasant, October 15 to December 1: ten in one day, twenty in one week and fifty in one season.

Grouse, ruffed, commonly called pheasant, October 15 to December 1; five in one day, twenty in one week and fifty in one season.

Hare or rabbit, November 1 to December 15; ten in one day.

Quail, commonly Virginia partridge, October 15 to November 15: ten in one day, forty in one week and seventy five in one season.

Hungarian quail, closed for two years.

Web-footed wild fowl of all kinds, September 14 to April 10, unlimited.

Wild Turkey, October 15 to November 15; one in a day and two in one season.

Woodcock, October 1 to December 1; ten in one day, twenty in one week and fifty in one season.

Squirrel, fox, black or gray, October 15 to December 1; six of combined kinds in one day.

Shore birds, September 1 to January 1 unlimited.

Snipe, Jack or Wilson, September 1 to May 1, unlimited.

Plover, July 15 to December 1, unlimited.

Bear, October 1 to January 1, unlimited.

Black birds, all kinds, September 1 to January 1, unlimited.

Doves, mourning or turtle, September 1 to January, 1 unlimited. The fish laws will be treated in these columns at some near future time.

Not Illegal to Tell Stories.

It is not illegal for a young man to whipsar a falsehood into a girl's ear in order to persuade her to take a buggy ride, according to Justice of the Peace Frank Miller of Connellsville. It was alleged that R. F. [illegible] that a sick friend wished to see her, endeavoring to get her to go to the hospital with him. His attorney presented a petition in court asking that the information be suppressed on the grounds that "it does not set forth or allege any violation of the law of criminal offense."

GREAT CHANGE FOR BETTER NOTED BY RAILROAD MEN IN INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS

Shipments as Heavy or Heavier Than Ever Before in the History of the Monongahela Valley

REDSTONE BRANCH BUSY

New Crews Being Put on by the Railroad Companys to Handle Increased Trade

According to persons who are in a position to know, there have been marked changes for the better in business conditions along the Monongahela Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad within the past few days and weeks. The change has been perciptable daily, and especially along the Monongahela Railroad and the Redstone branch has improvements been noticeable. Many more crews have been put on by the railroads to handle the extra amount of trade, and business the apparent prosperity is bringing a more cheerful aspect to the entire region.

It is a well known fact that the railroad is the best known barometer of trade. If there is a business depression it is more noticeable here than elsewhere, and if there is a feeling of prosperity, the railroad shows it is in the increased volumn of business.

The improvements along the Monongahela division show only a part of the general change over the entire area of the United States, caused it is argued by the putting into effect the Tariff Bill. Manufacturers were cautions before its adoption by reason of their fear of making a move that would, after have a serious effect to them.

A railroad man declared this morning that along this division conditions are as good as they ever were, and along the Redstone branch they were better than ever before. The Redstone Branch is a continuation of the Monongahela division to Uniontwon on the P. R. R.

Tony Gula Sentenced to Pen for Six Years

Must Also Bear Fine of $100 and Pay Costs of Prosecution

Tony Gula who has been on trial at Washington for killing Frank Ross of Monongahela, was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to the penitentiary for six years. The sentence carried with it costs of prosecution and a fine of $100.

TEACHERS READY FOR THEIR WORK

Begin Arriving Today to Prepare for Opening of Schools Next Monday

MANY FORMER TEACHERS

Today teachers in the Charleroi schools began to arrive after spending their vacations in various places, and will be in readiness to take up their work for the year on next Monday. More teachers will arrive this week, and all will be here by Sunday evening.

The teaching corps this year is much changed from that of last although there are several old teachers that will have places. Prof. Pentz, the new superintendent has been here all summer and now has things in good shape for the opening. He will make a few changes in the system, among these to be in the grading. This is always a difficult problem to solve, Prof. Pentz's predecessor, Prof. W. D. Wright, was working out a system which had he been able to to continue would have proved valuable in years to come.

REGISTRY FEE TO BE RAISED TWO CENTS

An increase of 2 cents is to be made in the near future in the fee for the registration of letters and mail packages.

Announcement of the proposed change was made yesterday by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The decision of Mr. Hitchcock to increase the registry fee followed an extended inquiry into the registry system by a special committee appointed by the Postmaster General.

Had Leg Broken.

David Roberts, of Vesta sustained a broken leg while at work in the Naomi mines He was taken to the Mercy Hospital today The fracture is a bad one but Mr. Roberts will recover.

Special today and every day, an English Rock tea pot with one pound of Barger's Tea or Baking powder, 327 Fallowfield avenue. 305tf

SECOND ANNUAL OUTING OF G. U. O. OF O. F.

The Glass City Lodge, No. 4392 G. U. O. of O. F. of this place is holding their second annual outing at Woodland Park, Ashtabula Harbor today and a large number from Charleroi and other places along the river are in attendance. Special trains were chartered on the P. and L. E. lines, leaving Brownsville at 6:45 o'clock and stopping at all points between that place and Glassport. The day's amusements will consist of boating, bathing, fishing, ball games and so forth. Hiram T. Smith is the Chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Will Hold Outing.

The Adult Bible Class of the United Brethren Church of Dunlevy will hold a lawn fete Monday evening at the lawn of James Hall. All are invited

J. K. Taner, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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Aug. 26 In American History.

1859—First petroleum well began to flow at Titusville, Pa.

1871—Charles Scribner, founder of the New York publishing house bearing his name and of the original Scribner's Magazine, afterward changed to the Century, died; born 1821.

1894—The Wilson tariff bill became a law without the president's approval.

1904—John Rogers, sculptor of the "Rogers Groups," died at New Canaan, Conn.; born 1829.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 6:28, rises 5:18; moon sets 12:51 a. m.; moon lowest or farthest south.

A Billion-Dollar Era.

The incorporation in the United States during May of railroad, industrial and other companies having a capital stock of $258,459,900 gives an idea of the wonderful commercial expansion of the country, says the New York World. Incidental testimony to the same effect is furnished by the speedy absorption by investors of the 10,000,000 issue of preferred stock put out by a new dry goods combination. E. H. Harriman said to the newspaper men who asked him about the report that he was going abroad to dispose of $150,000,000 of bonds, "I wouldn't have to go out of his house to do that in half an hour." This is truly a billion-dollar era. Where the last generation figured in millions, the common multiple of the present day business world is $100,000,000.

To what lengths is the multiplication of millions to go? Estates of $1,000,000 have dwindled by comparison to modest competencies. At the present rate of increase the "swollen fortunes" of today may tomorrow excite no public concern, being dwarfed by the greater hoards heaped up and reduced to negligible consequence in the light of the graver problems in the regulation of capital which may then be expected to demand atttention.

Meat and the Corn Crop.

A corn crop of 3,000,000,000 bushels, now likely, puts nearly half the world's cereal yield in the ring-fence of Uncle Sam. Once this would have surely meant cheaper meats. It may now, year after next.

Dear corn in recent years has checked the increase of meat-yielding animals. In eight years past the people in this country have grown from 77,647,000 to 87,189,000. This is a gain of 9,542,000 an eighth, 12.7 per cent.

Where there were eight mouths in 1901 there are nine mouths now. Meat has not grown that way. In 1901 there were 178,000,000 meat-yielding stock of all kinds, cows, oxen, cattle, sheep and swine. In 1909 there are but 181,000,000. This is an increase of 3,000,000, one-sixtieth about, or 1.7 percent.

The mouths have grown one in eight. The yield of meat one in sixty. No corn crop can change that in a year, but cheap corn will rapidly increase swine and cattle and may, if two big corn years come together, reduce meat prices by increasing meat yielding farm animals.

The Rich.

It is a great mistake to believe that the rich are holding us down says the St. Louis Post Dispatch. As a matter of fact, they are pulling us up. If there were no rich people to keep our eyes glued upon the great gulf between having and not having, none of us would hustle. We have to have the rich man's mansion prodding us, his power scourging us and his automobile butting us to get anywhere at all. We have to see his wife and daughters in silks and jewels and realize what our own wives and daughters without these things think of us as providers to peel our coats off and get into the game. None of us can go out driving with such as we have and suffer the rich man to whiz past us in prism glass and burnished brass, throwing dust in our eyes and gosoline [illegible] the great area of human endeavor for the next two or three days anyway.

Blessed are the rich, for they fill us with shame, and new resolve and make us to wonder what in the Sam Hill we have been doing all these years.

Electric Sparks

While the Charleroi council has made such a tarnation record one way, they still retain their good record in the opposite direction. But for downright length of meetings, the Charleroi school Board has a little on them all.

The man that adopted a home the other night and got arrested for burglary, will doubtless from henceforth believe in premonitions.

When there is a case of smallpox breaks out in a camp of a Boy's Brigade, you see some of the tallest hiking you ever had a dream of.

They don't get through with one political battle over at Washington until there is another one on. It is the P. O. S. of A. this time.

The Washington dog that adopted a man must be of more than the usual intelligence, and must have been in the past no ordinary student of the comic sheet.

"Flying at Rheims" seems to be common headline now. They used to laugh at Robert Fulton, when he was trying to build a steam boat but we have quit that habit now.

Some of the Democratic newspapers say that Taft will have to do some tall thinking and talking if he successfully avoids the new tariff law in the West. Anyone would know that that is merely the spleen of a Democratic organ that has nothing else to say.

The aviating aviators are not ramming each other at Rheims The airy sky holds tracks for all.

The water claims every day those who forget that bathing which looks harmless, safe and easy, calls for a sound heart, skill, coolness, and caution. The shock of the sea bath grows perilous as the arteries harden with age.

A belated 2-cent a mile passenger rate law met an injunction in West Virginia this week. Depression and the 2-cent a mile passenger rate laws went down Salt River together.

At the Star Theatre.

The Star Theatre as predicted has secured a good show for tonight. The first picture is "Maria, Queen of the Quarry," an Italian love drama. "The Dog Circus Rehearsal," is the second picture. It is very instructive showing how these dumb animals are trained to be actors. The others are "Princess Nicotine" and "For His Sweetheart's Sake". The two last named pictures are descriptive of true conditions and must be seen to be appreciated. Miss Margaret Brightwell is singing one of the latest popular melodies.

All This Week.

Guy Brothers Big Novelty Minstrel at Star Theatre Monessen all this week with a complete change of program on Thursday. Prices 10 and 20 cents. 3t3

Notice.

Every Lady Maccabee is requested to be at the meeting, August 26. There is business of importance and initiation of four new members. The guards will please report.

By Order of Lady Commander,
6t1 Laura M. Eckles.

Lynn—Mason.

At the home of the bride's relative in Duquesne yesterday at noon occurred the marriage of R. Glenn Lynn, a former resident of this place and Miss Margaret Mason, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mason of Brownsville. The couple left immediately for Vicksburg, Miss., where Mr. Lynn will be employed on a government engineering corps, laying a dam in the Wichita River. Mr. Lynn is a graduate of the Charleroi High school, class of 1906, and a popular young man. He was employed during the past two years on a new dam that was recently finished at Brownsville. The bride was a popular Brownsville girl. The couple are extended the best wishes of a host of friends.

Unclaimed Letters.

Letters advertised by the Charleroi postoffice for the week ending Aug. 24, 1909 are as follows: Francon Baldenyins, Marvin Betton, Ed. Beini, E. J. Burnett, Minnie Briggs, Daniel V. Coyle, W. O. Freeman, [illegible] son, James Kelley H. H. Kephart, George Miller, G. Pusatere, Dr. James G. Sloan, Yvo Topolovcan.

J. E. McCardle, Postmaster.

"Free" Not Necessary.

The government has issueed orders to the effect that hereafter you can mark your letter simply "R. D.," where they are destined for rural routes, dropping the "F," heretofore used. It will now be simply Rural Delivery in place of Rural Free Delivery. The service has become so general that there is no longer need of using the term, "free." Everybody now knows it is free.

Keystone Dance.

The mid-summer dance given by the Keystone Roller Club of young men, last evening at Eldora Park, attracted a good sized crowd from Charleroi and other places along the valley. Dancing was from eight to one. Jenkins orchestra furnishing the music. There were out-of-town people present from Monongahela, Monessen, Roscoe, Brownsville, California, Donora and other places. The dance was very enjoyable social affair.

Notice.

The Autumn Fashion number of the Ladies Home Journal, showing one hundred fashion pictures, now on sale 15 cents—Might's Book Store 509 McKean avenue. 6t1

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$1.50 Men's Dress shirts now at.....$1.15
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Recently, our manager sent out a young lady to fill a temporary vacancy caused by a male stenographer taking a vacation. When the young man returned the business man said to him, "I will give you and this young lady a test and the one that stands the best test [illegible] all have the position." The Douglas student won in the contest and is now in charge. The name of the firm as well as that of the young lady is on file in our office.

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A student might spend years studying shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping and the other necessary branches without being fitted for a position. If he wishes to be successful, he must go to a school that makes a specialty of these branches. Prof. Douglas has devoted the best part of his life to the preparation of young people for business positions. His ripe experience is at your service when you enter Douglas College.

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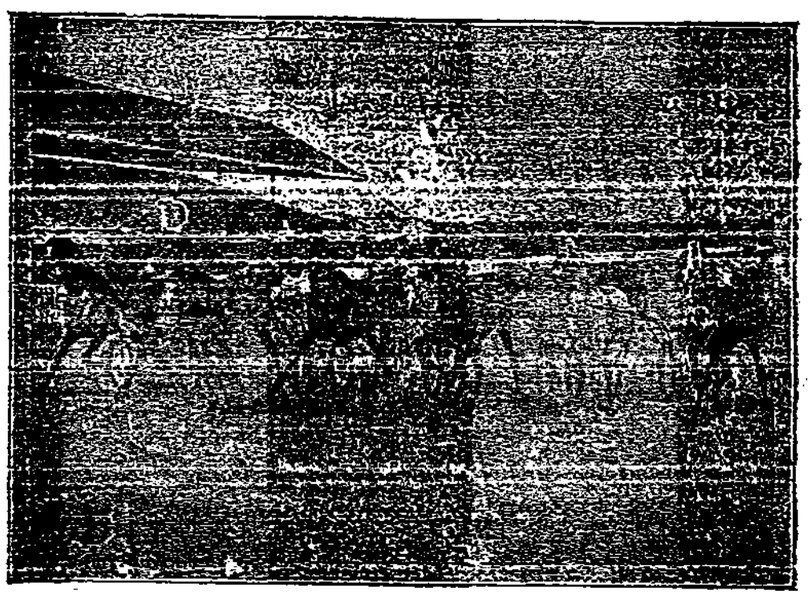

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No. 2 2:18 Pace	350.00	No. 2 2:30 Trot	250.00
No. 3 2:18 Trot	350.00	No. 3 Free-for-all Trot and Pace	250.00
No. 4 Marathon Race, 8 miles		No. 4 Trot and pace for horses that have never started	100.00
No. 5 Automobile Race		No. 5 Automobile Race	

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Young Folks

STRING NAMES.

An Amusing Pastime For Little Folks When It Rains.

It was a rainy, gray day, and the children had tried and given up all their usual games. Finally Mary, who had been playing with a piece of fish line that Dick had dropped from his pocket, exclaimed, "Oh, see what I've discovered all by myself!"

The children, Tommy, Sarah and Dick, gathered round her quickly.

She sat at the dining room table with the twine in her hand.

"Oh, dear, I'm afraid I haven't enough!" she said as the others pressed near. "Tommy, do run and get the ball of string."

When that was brought she cut several lengths of it, each about a yard long. Then she made some short pieces, an inch or so long. The children kept begging her to tell them what she was going to do, but she smiled and said nothing. At last the string was arranged.

"Dick," she said, "you are the littlest. How do you spell your name?"

"D-i-c-k," he said, slowly and wonderingly.

She took one of the pieces of string and very deftly on the surface of the table made it into the shape of his name in handwriting.

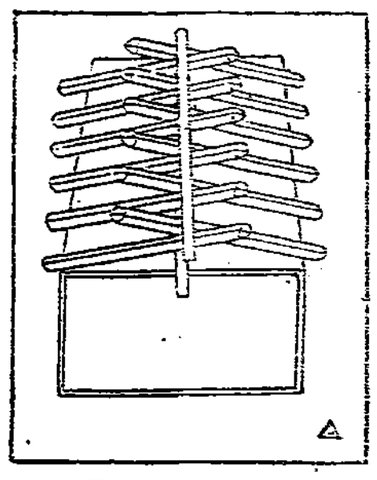
For the dot of the letter "i" she took one of the short pieces, doubled it up into a ball and put it over the letter.

The children were delighted and spent the rest of the afternoon till the table had to be cleared for supper in forming their names and even making whole sentences. The last thing they wrote was "Mary," in honor of the inventor of this new game.—Youth's Companion.

AN AMUSING TRICK.

How Thirteen Matches May Be Lifted by Grasping One.

Procure a box of matches, out of which select fourteen as perfectly cut as possible. Take one of these and lay it on the matchbox, placing it so one of the ends protrudes over the edge, as shown in the accompanying illustration. Then lay twelve matches across it in the manner shown, being careful to make both sides even.



HOW TO PILE THE MATCHES.

When you have done this, lay the fourteenth match right on the top of the bottom one, only it will not rest on the latter, but on the twelve upper ones, being at first careful to let it protrude over the edge of the box. Then carefully catch hold of the bottom match, lift gently, and if you have done the trick correctly you will find that you have been enabled to lift thirteen matches with one.

Flower In a Soap Bubble.

A pretty experiment is that of placing a flower inside a soap bubble. To accomplish this feat, which is often mystifying and always amusing, put water in which a good deal of soap has been dissolved into the bottom of a tray or shallow pan to the depth of about an eighth of an inch. In the center of the tray place the rose or water lily or whatever flower is chosen for the experiment. Over it then clasp a tin funnel. Now slowly lift the funnel, at the same time blowing gently through its small end. When you have blown a large enough film you can disengage the bubble by turning the funnel at right angles. A great variety of objects, from china dolls to Easter eggs, may be in this way filmed over with a gay sphere of iridescence.

Tree Conundrums.

What tree is formed by two letters of the alphabet? L M (elm).

What tree is the most dapper? Spruce.

What tree is the sweetest? Maple.

What tree is the most melancholy? Weeping willow.

What tree is proud of being a parent? Papaw.

What tree is a sorry invalid? Sycamore.

What tree is used in building materials? Lime.

What tree keeps one warm in winter? Fir.

What tree does history make constant use of? Date.

Words Within Words.

Atone (five letters, seven words): A, at, to, ton, tone, on, one.

Heathen (seven letters, eight words): He, hea, heath, hen, at, the, then, hen.

Within (six letters, six words): Wit, I, it, with, thin, in.

Weather (seven letters, seven words): We, A, eat, at, the, he, her.

Nursery Rhyme.

Gracious, goodness, mercy me,
See the boys climb up the tree!
Isn't it the greatest fun?
Up they go, and down they come!

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$4.00 wash suits go for only.....	$2.00
$5.00 wash suits go for only	2.50
$6.00 wash suits go for only	3.00
$8.00 wash suits go for only.....	4.00
10.00 wash suits go for only.....	5.00

It's coming the end of the season and we are making complete clearance prices on many lines, so low in fact that your attention should be directed to these heavy reductions. Don't overlook our Trimmed Hats; selling very special now—$2.00 buys our best hats, others for only one dollar.

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A Word With The Mothers

School opens Monday, August 30, '09

Our provisions for clothing the boy have been based solely upon the genuine merits of the merchandise.

The extreme lowness of our prices is directly attributable to our great buying powers, which means money saved for you---strikingly evidenced by these offerings:

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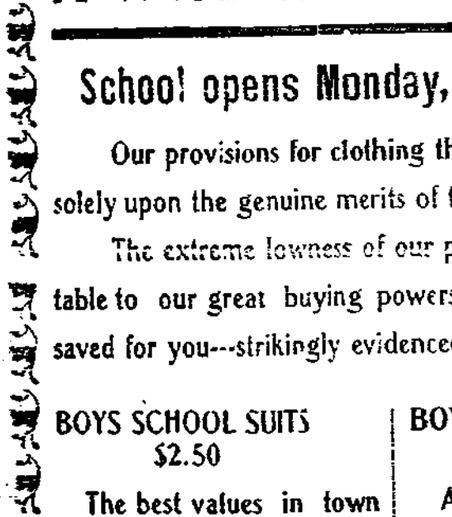

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LOCAL NOTES

Brief Mention of People and Events in this Community.

Frank King of Scottdale is the guest for three days of Rev. Burns of the U. B. church of Dunlevy.

Miss Ellen Phipps of Pittsburg is spending a few days with Miss Anna Jones.

Miss Elizabeth and Phillis Griffith have returned home after a two weeks visit in Pittsburg with their grandparents.

Arden Calvert and little sister were California visitors yesterday with friends.

Miss Delia and Nora Swan, teachers in the Charleroi schools have arrived to take up their work next Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Moore returned today from Toronto, Canada, where she spent several days with relatives.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOLD PICNIC

The first Presbyterian Sunday School will hold their annual picnic at Toman's grove, out Fifth street way Friday. The members of the Sunday school who attend will leave the church at 9:30 o'clock and 10 o'clock. At the latter hour carriages will be provided for the older folks. The day's program will consist of games, races, a ball game and various other sports. A picnic dinner will be served, coffee and ice cream to be be included.

PAUL JONES' PROMISE.

Our Great Naval Hero and the Duchess of Chartres.

The Duchess of Chartres was an enthusiast in the cause of American liberty and a warm friend of its great naval champion, Paul Jones, whom she nicknamed the "Untitled Knight of the Sea." The duchess was a royal princess and a very great lady, and Captain Jones was a sailor, self educated and the son of a Scotch gardener, but in the exchange of gifts and compliments which, according to the custom of the day in France attended their friendship, he was not to be outshone.

At a luncheon which she gave just before he sailed from France in the Ranger on that famous cruise of his which carried the war to the very shore of Britain it was the good fortune of Paul Jones to share in a conversation touching a French naval engagement in which the grandfather of the duchess had borne a conspicuous part and to defend and explain his maneuvers on that occasion, showing a knowledge of every ship and every captain engaged and winning on the spot the ardent personal adherence of Mme. de Chartres.

At the close of the feast she presented him a valuable watch which had been her grandfather's. Taken by surprise, the American captain nevertheless accepted it with a grace that charmed the courtly company, promising that in return, if fortune favored him, he would some day "lay an English frigate at her feet."

It was a daring boast, but in A. C. Buell's biography of Paul Jones it is related how he kept it. Within two years occurred the marvelous victory of the Bonhomme Richard over the Serapis, concerning which the victor wrote the duchess a letter, ending, "The enemy surrendered at thirty-five minutes past 10 p. m. by your watch, which I consult only to fix the moment of victory."

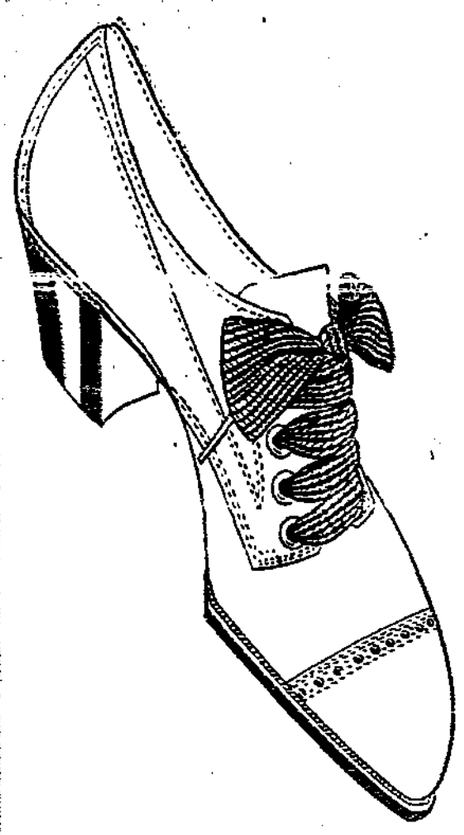
That was a phrase to delight a society that reveled in pretty phrases, and the duchess was amply satisfied. When Paul Jones reached Paris she gave a grand banquet in his honor. Just before it ended he reminded her of her gift and his promise. A servant was sent to his room and returned with a long leather case, which the duchess took amid the exclamations and eager curiosity of the company.

"Your royal highness perceives the impossibility of keeping my promise in kind," explained the knight of the sea, smiling. "The English frigate proved to be a forty-four on two decks, and she is now at Lorient with French colors flying. The best I can do toward keeping my word of two years ago is to place in your dainty hands the sword of the brave officer who commanded her. I have the honor to surrender to the loveliest of women the sword surrendered to me by one of the bravest of men—the sword of Captain the Hon. Richard Pearson of his Britannic majesty's late ship the Serapis."

Corroded by Water.

In a German village an underground lead water pipe was found greatly corroded and perforated. Investigation showed that the soil in which the pipe had lain was permeated by very impure water and consequently contained large quantities of ammonia, ammonium nitrate and other compounds, which had attacked the lead pipe, forming lead carbonate, nitrate, nitrite and chloride. All of these lead salts, except the carbonate, are more or less soluble in water. The carbonate is insoluble in pure water, but is soluble in water containing carbon dioxide. Iron pipes coated with asphalt should be employed for underground conduits. If lead pipes are used they should be imbedded in asphalt.—Scientific American.

SPECIAL THURSDAY SALE



Men's and Ladies' Slippers in all sizes, regular 50c grade..... 29c

Women's Button Shoes patent leather, with cloth or fancy suede tops, values up to $4.00 for..... $2.45

Women's Shoes in blucher and button, kid and fine gun [illegible] worth up to $4 for..... $2.45

Women's Low Shoes, in golden brown, choice of oxfords, gibsons and pumps with straps, all sizes for $2.45

Women's Pumps in patent colt leather or gunmetal, with flat bows and welt soles, $2.50 and $4 types, all sizes and every width from AA to D..... $2.45

Women's Gibson Ties—grey, brown and white canvas, with ribbon laces, also a few in lavender, purple, pink and blue, $2.50 to $3.50 grades at..... $1.00

Women's Evening Slippers—suede, patent leather and all the dainty kid colors, many sorts and values up to $4.00 for..... $2.45

Women's Low Shoes in brown kid and tan calf, Gibson ties or one strap ankle pumps, all sizes and various values up to $3.50 for..... $2.45

Women's Gibson Ties in patent leather, with welt and turn soles and silk laces; also some in black kidskin and gunmetal calf, every size at $1.95

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GARBAGE PLANT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED OF BRICK

Contract Awarded to W. M. Gault by Council at Special Meeting

HELD A RECORD MEETING

Met, Transacted Business and Adjourned, All in Less Than Thirteen Minutes

In a record breaking meeting of council at the council chambers last evening, the contract for the rebuilding of the garbage plant, which was destroyed by fire sometime ago, was awarded. The successful bidder was W. M. Gault.

In the absence of President Piersol, J. J. Frew was appointed to the chair. Other members present were Messrs. Frye, Hein, Lynn, Schmieler.

There were four bids for the erection of the plant, each containing separate prices on tile and brick. Mr. Gault's prices were for brick, $1,165, tile $1,055. The other bids were as follows: Charleroi Lumber company, tile, $1,278; brick $1,278 W. A. Murphy, tile $1,281, brick $1,378. J. K. Mitchell, tile $1,297, brick $1,388.

For the construction of the plant brick will be used, the wall to be 9 inches thick. Brick was regarded as the most substantial by the council. Mr. Gault's price for the brick was just $115 more than it cost to construct the frame structure, which was burned recently.

The council meeting was a record breaker in the fact that it only took 12 minutes and 45 seconds to meet, transact buisness and adjourn. This beats the mark held by Monongahela council of 35 minutes. It might also be mentioned that the Charleroi council has some records in the other direction.

PENNSYLVANIA LEADS IN COKE

Not Only Produces More Coal But Also More Coke Than Any Other State

In the manufacture of coke Pennsyania stands supreme among the States. For more than a quarter of a century, or pactically since the manufacture of coke assumed any importance as an industry, she has contributed over 50 percent of the total coke product of the United States. According to E. W. Parker of the United States Geological Survey, Pennsylvania produced 65.02 per cent of the total coke output of the United States in 1907 and 59.58 percent of the total in 1908.

The quantity of coke produced in Pennsylvania in 1908 was 15,511,634 short tons out of a total for the United States of 26,033,518 short tons. In 1907 Pennsylvania produced 26,513,214 short tons out of a total of 40,779,564 tons. The production in 1908 showed a decrease of 11,001,580 short tons or 41.5 percent, from that of 1907, or of 7,548,877 short tons, or 32.7 per cent from that of 1906.

The years 1906 and 1907, however, were years of plenty in the coalmining and coke producing industries and can hardly be considered representaive of the normal production. If, however, the production of Pennsylvania in 1908 is compared with the average of the eight preceding years it is noted that the production still shows a decrease of 2,597,188 short tons, or 14.3 percent. The production in 1908 was the smallest since 1904.

Good Stepping at Belle Vernon Today

All Races Filled and Some of Fastest Horses of Section are Entered

According to reports a good sized crowd is in attendance at the races at [illegible] Horses have been arriving almost hourly during the past three or four days and the stable room has been taxed to its utmost. Some of the best steppers in the tri-state territory have been entered. Today's races consist of a 2:30 trot, 2:30 pace and 2:18 trot, for which 24 horses have been entered.

AUTOMOBILE AS EMPLOYE OF UNCLE SAM

Rural Carrier of Coal Center Makes Great Improvement in Service

NOW BETTER THAN IN CITY

William Sutherland, rural mail carrier on Coal Centre route No. 2, is probably one of the first in the county to put an automobile to practical use in the government service. Mr. Sutherland, who is the owner of a White Steamer, has through his desire for improving the service, brought the rural delivery up to a state of efficiency, the like of which is not enjoyed by many country people.

Mr. Sutherland purchased his machine recently and put it into operation as a government agent at once. He makes three trips over his route daily leaving the postoffice at 8 o'clock in the morning, and 1 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. In this way more deliveries are made than over many of the city delivery routes.

Archie Gunn Stage Beauty Series of Pictures.

Here are some of the color portraits the New York Sunday World is giving with its magazine section, at the rate of six each week: Maxine Elliott, Marie Doro, Elsie Janis, Hattie Williams, Mary Mannering, Lillian Russel, Doris Keane, Constance Collier, Pauline Frederick, Julie Marlowe, Marie Booth Russell, Ethel Barrymore and forty others.

Yet the set—six a week for ten weeks. Just the thing for home decoration.

Special today and every day, an English Rock tea pot with one pound of Barger's Tea or Baking powder, 327 Fallowfield avenue. 305tf

MANAGER ON GROUND TO PREPARE FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK ON PLANT TO BE ERECTED AT NEWELL

Business Takes on a New Aspect Upon His Arrival and Rumors Fly Thickly

STOPS AT THE ARLINGTON HOTEL, AT CALIFORNIA

Upon the arrival of Manager [illegible] of the General Chemical company of New York at Newell, the place has taken on a business aspect heretofore unknown. It is a well known fact that the General Chemical company is going to locate one of the immense plants at this place, and that in the near future, Mr. Eagleson is on the ground for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the shipping in of materials for the construction work. [illegible] several months in building. It is to be the largest one in the world, and the chemicals to be manufactured there will be sold to large manufacturing concerns, to be used in the making of steel rails, and other heavy materials.

Mr. Eagleson is stopping at the Arlington Hotel, California, having been there for the past four days.

POSTMASTER GENERAL TO CUT EXPENSES

Submits Proposition to Save Large Sum Annually

NOT TO HAVE SUBSTITUTES

By reqiring letter carriers to "double up" their routes during the dull season of July and August instead of employing substitutes, Postmaster General Hitchcock expects to effect a saving of $250,000,000 in the cost of carriers' vacations during the peresent fiscal year.

It has been the practice for many years to employ a substitute for every day a letter carrier was on leave of absence. As there are 260,000 carriers in the service and as the cost of substitute service for the 15 days and two Sundays allowed the carrier for his vacation is about $40, the actual cost of the carriers' vacations is a little more than $1,000,000.

During July and August the volume of mail in the large cities especially, is consicerably reduced, enabling carriers to "double up," so that in some instances during these months two carriers serve three routes.

Having Good Crowds.

During the past two nights, the Star Theatre has been having large crowds to all their shows, and have been presenting good numbers. Tonight there is a good bill announced. The Star is now receiving the best in the picture line, all the films being fireproof.

Notice.

Every Lady Maccabee is requested to be at the meeting, August 26. There is business of importance and initiation of four new members. The guards will please report.

By Order of Lady Commander,
6tl Laura M. Eckles.

Notice.

The Autumn Fashion number of the Ladies Home Journal, showing one hundred fashion pictures, now on sale 15 cents—Might's Book Store 509 McKean avenue. 6tl

Rev. L. W. Shey, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church goes today to Long Island Sound, Conn., for a visit with his mother. He will be joined tomorrow by his wife. Before returning home Rev. and Mrs. Shey will visit at Wheeling, W. Va., A. H. Knoke, general state agent for the Mutual Life Insurance company.

Learn to Laugh.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn to tell a story. A well told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sickroom. Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows. Learn to do something for others. Even if you are a bedridden invalid there is always something that you can do to make others happier, and that is the surest way to attain happiness for yourself.—Exchange.

METHODISTS GIVE CHRISTIANS THEIR FIRST DRUBBING

Fast Game in Church League is Witnessed by Large Crowd

THE WAY IT HAPPENED

The Methodists gave the Christians their first drubbing in the church league last night, by the score of 4 to 3 and incidentally jumped into first place. The game was good one, in fact the best yet in the league, and was witnesed by a good sized crowd.

Jolliffe's bunch scored first, in the first inning. Cratty smashed out a single, and Jolly and Furnier were outs. Then Morris singled bringing in Cratty. The Methodists by terrific swatting landed three runs in the third. It was started by one Pete Bege. He hit for two bags, followed by Riggs, who duplicated the feat. Mason was safe on Furnier's error, and Waggoner was an out. Then Mitchell scored the whole business wth a two baser. On three hits, and a fly out, the M. E.'s got another in the fifth. The Christians totaled two in the sixth. Cratty drew a walk, Jolliffe singled and Furnier was safe on an error of Waggoner's Cratty scoring. Morris was out, and Jolliffe was caught at home. Then McGowan bid for two bases, scoring the outfit. He was caught off second base. The score:

Methodist

	R	H	P	A	E
Riggs, s	1	1	3	0	1
Mason, 3	1	1	4	4	1
Waggoner, 1	0	1	4	0	1
Mitchell, 2	0	1	1	0	0
Pollock, m	0	0	0	0	0
Kent, r	0	0	0	0	0
Reeves, r	0	0	0	0	0
McKean, l	0	0	0	0	0
L. Bege, c	0	0	9	1	0
P. Bege, p	2	2	0	0	0
Total	4	6	21	5	3

Christian

	R	H	P	A	E
Cratty, m, 2	2	1	1	0	0
Jolliffe, s	0	1	1	1	0
Furnier, 3, 2, m	1	0	3	2	2
Morris, c, 3	0	1	4	1	1
McGowan, 1	0	2	3	0	0
Vernon, l	0	2	2	0	0
R. Allshouse, m, r	0	0	0	0	0
A. Allshouse, r	0	0	0	0	0
Mason, c	0	0	7	0	0
Reed, p	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	7	21	4	3

Methodist ..... 0 0 3 0 1 0 0—4
Christian ..... 1 0 0 0 0 2 0—3

Two base hits, Bege, Riggs, Mitchel, McGowan. Stolen bases, Waggoner, Catty 2, Jolliffe, Furnier, Morris. Struck out—By Bege 8 by Reed 8. Base on balls, off Bege 2, off Reed 1. Umpire—Bortmus.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will hold a lawn fete Thursday evening Aug. 26 on Provinces' lawn, corner Fifth and Meadow. All are invited and a good time is expected by all. Refreshments of a high order will be served. 5t2

The worlds best drink, Barger's Tea and Coffee, 327 Fallowfield avenue. 305tf

GOVERNOR STUART APPOINTS MOFFITT THE CONTROLLER

Charleroi Loses to Fayette City

Same Old Tale at Up River Town—The Score at End of Things Was 8 to 1

The Charleroi team was tendered another defeat up at Fayette City yesterday by the score of 8 to 1. The game was nothing to speak of and was all one sided. In the first and second innings Fayette City secured all its runs. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
Fayette City	4 4 0 0 0 0 0 0—8	14	3
Charleroi	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1	6	3

Batteries—Fayette City, Campbell and Makepeace. Charleroi, O'Neil, Dietz and Stewart. Umpire, Wilkinson.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION HAS PICNIC

Surprise in Announcement of Coming Marriage of 1906 Graduate

SEVERAL MAKE ADDRESSES

Fifty members of the Charleroi High School Alumni Association enjoyed their first annual picnic and outing at Eldora Park yesterday afternoon and evening. This number is only about half the graduates of the high school here having 108 persons graduated.

The afternoon was spent in various ways by the members of the classes a ball game between two class teams being a feature. This was between classes of 1894 to 1903 and 1904 to 1909. The latter named class won, 7 to 5.

A regular picnic supper was served, at which there was considerable of a surprise. This was in the announcement of the marriage of R. Glenn Lynn, a member of the class of 1906. The affair was to take place today at Duquesne. The announcement was made by Robert Mountsier, 04, and Mr. Lynn has "to own up."

Addresses were made following the supper by Prof. J. A. Snodgrass, L. P. Flickinger, Jr., Miss Price G. Frye, Glenn Lynn, Robert Mountsier, and E. F. Krahmer.

Thompson.

Mabel Thompson, 32 years old, died at her her home at 521 McKean avenue last night at 9 o'clock, after a severe illness of typhoid fever. The body will be shipped to East Liberty, Pittsburg, to the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, and the funeral will be from there Thursday. Interment in the Highland cemetery. The parents and one sister survive. Miss Thompson had a manicuring establishment here. She took sick several days ago and became so ill that it was impracticable to take her home. She had many friends her who regret to learn of her death.

Action Taken Yesterday Upon Officials Return to Harrisburg

WILL TAKE OFFICE SOON

Will in All Probability Have Office Fitted Up and at Work by First of Month

Word was received from Harrisburg lats night that Governor Edwin S. Stuart had appointed John H. Moffitt of Charleroi to the office of county controller the appointment to take place at once. The appointment was made after the governor's return from Philadelphia and after he had received information that Mr. Moffitt had been nominated for the place as candidate on the Republican ticket.

The appointment gives Mr. Moffitt the office until January 1, and it is safe wager that he will beat out any candidate that the Democratic party can put in the field against him.

Mr. Moffitt has not received his commission yet, but will probably get it in the course of a day. Then he will get things in readiness as soon as possible and take up the work. He will probably have everything in running order by the second week of September.

Where he is to have his office is a question. It is supposed to be at the court house, but every room in that place is filled now and it is probable that he will be forced to occupy temporary quarters with some other branch of the county govrnment.

The appointment did not come as a surprise, for it was understood that Governor Stuart was awaiting the result of the county committee meeting before taking action.

COSTS PLACED ON PROSECUTOR

Joseph Clements Freed of Charge of Theft of Corn

In the case of Joe Clements, charged with the larceny of corn from the field of Jennie Moreau at Speers, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty and placed the costs on the prosecutrix. The corn alleged to have been taken was valued at $7.50 and the costs will amount to over $100.

Card of Thanks.

Through the columns of the Charleroi Mail I desire to thank my many friends who so kindly remembered me on my 82nd. birthday the 22 of August, 1909.

6tl Mrs. Elizabeth Furnier.

Attended Outing.

Fifteen members of the Charleroi order, L. C. B. A. attended the picnic and outing of the lodges of Western Pennsylvania at Kennywood Park yesterday. The day was spent in the usual way dancing being a feature.

Correction.

In chronicling the death of Clara Kohles yesterday a mistake was made in the name by the Mail in being published as Charles Kohles.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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Aug. 25 In American History.

1839—Francis Bret Harte poet, author born in Albion died 1902

1885—Reuben E. Fenton ex governor of New York died at Jamestown born 1819

1895—H. O. Houghton, head of the publishing house of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., died, born 1818

1897—Mary Kyle Dallas, popular story writer, died, born 1847.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 6 40 rises 5 17, moon sets 11:57 p. m 5 12 a m, moon at greatest libration east.

The Cost of Divorce.

England is seeing a vigorous agitation against the prohibitive cost of divorce so far as the laboring and wage-earning class is concered.

The cost of a divorce or legal separation, undefended, is from $150 to $200. Mr. E. S. Plowder, a London magistrate of large experience, points out that he shuts the door to any relief among the laborer mechanic or small clerk class. A wife may be notoriously unfaithful or a man be brutal, intoxicated or flagitious in his daily life. Neither husband nor wife can secure redress, because a divorce costs too much unopposed. Opposed the cost instantly trebles. Court orders may require a man to support a wife of loose life or a wife may find herself defenseless against a husband's, brutality or unable to protect her children.

Lord Gorrell, who proposed legislation in the House of Lords, was vigorously opposed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Magistrate Plowden points out that the prelate knows nothing of the gross injustice worked good men and women, scourged and tormented by brutal and immoral spouses.

A precisely similar evil exists in this city. A divorce unopposed here costs at least $90 and generally $150 to $200. No day laborer or small wage-earner can afford this. Men under Court orders support dissolute wives and wives find themselves unable to exclude brutal, drinking and looselived husbands, because a decree of divorce costs more than they can possibly save.

Desertion charges, orders for maintenance and all the machinery set in motion by the wife or often well-meaning charitable agents may work a grevous injustice which would be remedied if husband or wife had a path open to obtain legal feedom. Mere poverty, it is pain, ought not to close the door to those who are unable to expend from $100 to $500 on the costs of a divorce suit.

"Double Up?"

The move to have letter carriers "double up" on their routes during vacation time, instead of having substitutes employed will doubtless result as Postmaster General Hitchcock expects, in the saving of a snug sum of money, and in no way injure the service. To the carriers themselves it would hardly be agreeable but then it may be argued, the volumn of mail during the vacation time July and August is generally decreased. Economy is a word to be closely watched. The United States debt is now large, and every means should be used to prevent its getting larger. Why should not this practicable system proposed by Mr. Hitchcock be used as one inasmuch as it would cut down the extra and to the ordinary person needless expense, $250,000. Vacations are to be advised but it is thought that it would be no hardship for the carriers to "double up."

Electric Sparks

An angry woman knocked a Belle Vernon burglar down with a sofa cushion. The burglar is now convinced that there is no such articlce in the average household as a soft thing when father is out.

The Elks are going to have one awful time up at Shady Grove Park next Tuesday.

We have heard of men holding up time that we ever had the experience of reading where cows held up a fast express. Wonder if they also robbed the mail car.

If someone would only start an anti-trust trust, there would be things going on for sale.

The Sheep Hill Philosopher says that "Th' spoonies man quite often refuses to stir eround and make a livin' after he gets married."

The most evident trouble with self made men, is that they don't trouble themselves to be agreeable.

The Wright Brothers father is a peacher. He evidently is more noted through his sons that he ever would have been through his own efforts.

Those who insist that the American sense of humor is on the decline should remember that there is less to laugh at now, than usual.

"Oh, if papa could see me now, shouted the little boy," as he jumped off the roof in an attempt to sail his airship. His papa did see him when he came down, and caught him. Now the boy has to stand while masticating his feed.

PLANT BAROMETERS.

The Dandelion, Clover Leaves and the Scarlet Pimpernel.

The dandelion is a dandy barometer, one of the commonest and most reliable It is when the blooms have seeded and are in the fluffy feathery condition that the weither prophet faculties come to the fore. In fine weather the ball extends to the full, but when rain approaches it shuts like an umbrella If the weather is inclined to be showery it keeps shut all the time but opening when the danger from the wet is past, says the Chicago Tribune

The ordinary clover and all its varieties including the trefoil and the shamrock are also barometers When rain is coming the leaves shut together like the shells of an oyster and do not open again until fine weather is assured For a day or two before rain comes their stems swell to an appreciable extent and stiffen so that the leaves are borne more upright than usual This stem swelling when rain is expected is a feature of many flowering grasses

The fingers of which the leaves of the horse chestnut are made up keep flat and lookle so long as fine weather is likely to continue With the coming of rain however they droop as if to offer less resistance to the weather The scarlet pimpernel is nicknamed the "poor mans weither glass" or wind cope and opens its flowers only to fine weather As soon as rain is in the air it shuts up and remains closed until the shower or storm is over

Church League.

Yesterday's Results

Methodist 4, Christian 3

Standing of Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Methodist	7	1	875
Christian	6	1	857
Lutheran	4	4	500
First Presbyterian	3	4	429
W A Presbyterian	3	5	375
Episcopal	0	8	000

Today's Game

First Presbyterian vs Methodist

Monongahela Valley League.

Fayette City 8, Charleroi 1

Monongahela 8, Roscoe 3

Standing of the Clubs

	W.	L.	Pct.
Monongahela	5	1	833
Fayette City	5	3	625
Donora	3	2	600
Roscoe	4	3	571
Belle Vernon	3	3	500
California	2	2	500
Charleroi	2	5	286

GAMES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday

Donora at California

Saturday

Monongahela at Charleroi

Fayette City at Donora

California at Roscoe

Lavender Oil.

As four fifths of the oil extracted from lavender is concealed in the bloom the harvest takes place just before the flower begins to fade at the end of August. The oil is distilled by means of steam which is compelled to penetrate the closely packed lavender, afterward being drawn off in pipes that run through cold water In this manner the steam is reconverted into water, but the process of passing through the lavender has extracted the oil, which floats on the surface of the water as it runs into glass jars down below. These jars have sprouts in the center, thus enabling the water to run out while the oil collects above the level of the exit. In this the first stage the oil is of a brownish blue tint, and it now has to be refined by passing once more through water Thus all impurities are removed, and the oil runs out white save for a very pale blue color similar to that observed in paraffin. Three pounds of oil will make thirty gallons of the perfume. The majority of ladies would be surprised if they were informed that a bottle of lavender water contains but about a thimbleful of pure oil, for a larger proportion would not only render the water too strong for use, but would burn holes through the handkerchief wherever the scent touched it —London Standard

The Poor Bridegroom.

"Even the English language emphasizes the insignificance of a man at his own wedding," said the prospective bridegroom disconsolately There isn't an independent word to designate him He is merely called the groom of the bride as if he were just about on a level with the bridesmaids and a little below the maid of honor Best man, of course, means the bridegroom's best man, but the phrase itself tends to exalt this individual at the expense of his superior.

Then there's no adjective to describe what pertains to the male half of the affair You can't speak of the bridegroomal trousers or necktie On the other hand, bridal applies not only to the possessions of the girl but to what relates to both of them equally like the trip and the bridal chamber The very words matrimony and matrimonial are from the feminine side only Patrimony has nothing to do with the nuptials It applies only to wealth and signifies that a man's part in the affair is to get out and hustle for the cash."—Philadelphia Ledger

How Standing Armies Originated.

The earliest European standing army was that of Macedonia, established about 358 B C by Philip father of Alexander the Great. It was the second in the world's history having been preceded only by that of Sesostris Pharaoh of Egypt, who organized a military caste about 1600 B C Of modern standing armies, that formed by the Turkish janizaries was first, being fully organized in 1362. It was a century later, that the standing army of France, the earliest in Western Europe, was established by Charles VII in the shape of "compagnies d'ordonnance," numbering 9,000 men Rivalry thereupon compelled the nations to adopt similar means of defense In England a standing army proper was first established by Cromwell, but was disbanded under Charles II with the exception of a few regiments called the guards or household brigade This was the nucleus of England's present army.

A Girl's Preparedness.

There is something very pitiful about a girl She wears calico but talks knowingly about the latest styles in silks Her home is furnished plainly, but she knows the latest styles in furniture she knows how the silverware should be arranged at dinners the latest stitch for the marking of monograms on the finest table damask, the etiquette to be observed at a dinner, a reception or a ball although she never attended anything more than a neighborhood party in her life Her father's monthly income is not as large as the pin money a rich girl would spend in a day, but she knows what the rich girl should wear and how to be in touch with the times She is in short, prepared at any time to marry a rich man and become a society leader—Atchison Globe

A Famous Poem

J. C. Francis, the publisher of London Notes and Queries has brought out a volume of reminiscences One of his quotations records the editorial rejection of Campbell's "Hohenlinden" by the Greenock Advertiser It runs thus:

T C—The lines commencing "On Linden when the sun was low" are not up to our standard Poetry is evidently not T C's forte

A Home Body.

"So your husband always stays in the house nights?" said one woman.

"Yes," answered the other "Once Hiram gets settled down in front of his fireside you can't get him out of doors even to bring in an armful of wood."

A Household Matter.

Housemaid — Please, sir, will you come at once? The drorin' rooms on fire. Master—Well go and tell your mistress. You know I never interfere in household matters.—Punch.

The Sour Philosopher.

"Some people give trouble a hug."

"Well?"

"Others carry the flirtation too far and get married"—Washington Herald.

True merriment may be distinguished from false by the fact that it bears reflection. We can think of it with pleasure next day and next week.

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An Ancient Sky Pilot.

From Garnett's "Anthology," volume 7 page 48, I copy the following taken from the "Writings of Lucian" a Greek born about 100 A D

"We were suddenly caught up in a whirlwind which turned our vessel several times around in a circle with tremendous velocity and lifted it above 3,000 stadia in the air, not setting it down again on the sea but kept it suspended [illegible] that [illegible] on with [illegible]."

In these days of air conquest this quotation might be of interest to aeronauts and also literary men. This ancient Gulliver long preceded Swift, and as for outstripping Jules Verne another quotation is added

"Having thus continued our course through the sky for a space of seven days and as many nights, on the eighth day we described a sort of earth in the air," etc (which proved to be the moon)

The thoroughly familiar vernacular expression "going some" applies with original vigor to this early and perhaps first sky pilot.—New York Times.

The Lost Donkey.

In Turkey they tell stories about Nasr-ed-Din and his donkey Once upon a time when the donkey was lost Nasr-ed-Din went about seeking it, at the same time giving thanks as he went

"Why do you give thanks?" asked his friend "I see no cause for thankfulness"

"Cause enough!" was the prompt reply "Why man alive, if I had been along with that donkey I'd have been lost too!"—New York Tribune

Use For the Anchor.

"Captain," remarked the nuisance on shipboard who always asks foolish questions, "what is the object in throwing the anchor overboard?"

"Young man" replied the old salt, "do you understand the theory of seismic disturbances? Well, we throw the anchor overboard to keep the ocean from slipping away in the fog"

Oh!

"How did you act when he proposed?"

"I sank gracefully on one knee"

"How ridiculous! What in the world did you sink on your knee for?"

"On his knee, not mine."—Houston Post

Quite a Difference.

[illegible] off to a clergyman?—Tradesman—Not in this instance sir. You see, these goods is different from yours. These is guaranteed goods.—Life.

Love, like fortune, turns upon a wheel and is very much given to rising and falling.—Vanbrugh.

An Obliging President.

During a short lived revolution says Harper's Weekly there came to be the head of the government of a little Central American republic a man who was above all things courteous who was moreover very anxious to gain the good will of the foreign consuls One of the latter having heard that a certain countryman of his had died addressed a note to the head of the new government asking [illegible] grateful for a certificate of death of the individual in question [illegible] days after the consul received this communication

Esteemed Senor [illegible] to say cannot at present comply with your excellency's request for a death certificate of the gentleman I sent my soldiers but he got away to my shame I shall use every effort to catch him soon and hope to send your excellency the desired certificate at an early date

Needless to say, the consul lost no time in communicating to the obliging president the information that the certificate was undesired, in view of the fact that the individual was able to "get away"

A West Indian Wife Catcher.

As is customary with Indians the world over the Caribs are expert basket weavers and many strong and handsome baskets are to be bought in Roseau at reasonable prices if one finds the right shops, writes Harriet Quimby in Leslie's Weekly A peculiar instrument, made of basket straw and woven closely together so as to form a hollow tube ending in a thong of twisted ends and commonly dubbed a wife catcher is also made and sold by the Caribs By slipping the hollow end over a man's finger above the joint and pulling on the twisted end the catcher will tighten around the finger and the captive will be unable to release his hand. It is claimed that the Indians formerly employed this device as a handcuff for prisoners, using several for each hand and leading the captives by the fingers Few tourists are permitted to leave Roseau without a wife catcher, for which sixpence is willingly exchanged

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LOCAL NOTES

Brief Mention of People and Events in this Community.

Miss Mamie Eatonfelder is spending a few days in Fallowfield township with friends.

Miss Lulu Trew was a visitor in Pittsburg on Monday.

Ed. C. Drum of Millsboro was a visitor this morning in Charleroi.

Miss Erma Holyfield returned last evening from Niagara Falls, where she spent the summer.

Otto Lynn of North Side, Pittsburg, is a guest of his brother, Councilman Oscar Lynn of Fallowfield avenue.

Daniel Lean returned to his home in Homewood today after a visit in Charleroi with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hill left today for Toronto, Can., and other points for a few weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Stewart have left for Chautauqua, N. Y. and other places for a few days visit.

Richard Hitchens of McKeesport has returned home after a visit with Frank Arrison of Washingon avenue.

George Kline and George Barnett returned last evening from a visit at Atlantic City.

Lover.

Miss Edith Horn is spending a month at the home of John Gayman of Zollarsville.

Misses Mayme and Margaret Bonnell of Manown are visiting friends here for a few days.

Isaac E. Morris is spending a few days visiting friends in Ohio.

Miss Eliazbeth Carson who has been spending a much needed vacation with Bethany W. Va., friends has returned home feeling much better.

Miss Vada Rider is spending a few days with her uncles Henry and Simon Rider near Charleroi.

The storm of last Friday was very severe here the barn of E. E. Colvin near here was struck and burned to the ground with most of its contents.

Loren Hopkins and family have moved to Centerville.

John C. Murphy of Washington was visiting his mother, Mrs. Lacy Murphy of Pike Run and at the home of his uncle A. B. Waller here Sunday.

Miss Lucetta Redd of Monongahela was the guest of her uncle, John Rider of this place and Henry and Sin Rider near Charleroi last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mosier and Mr. and Mrs. Frederck of Garwood sent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Phillips.

Miss Edna Hawkins visited her cousin, Miss Elma Lutes of Charleroi last week.

Hop Carroll was a Sunday visior of his sister Mrs. Frank Bowser of Fredericktown.

Mrs. John Carroll and daughter of Cokeburgand Miss Smith of Ohio were guests Sunday at the home of Newton Carrol.

William Sutherland, mail carrier on Coal Centre route No. 2 has purchased a new automobile.

Mrs. Millie Deems returned to her home Saturday near Beallsville from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lot Winnett where she had been visiting for a few days.

Vic. Baker of Clairton is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. White Wilson.

Russell Carroll has returned to his work at McKeesport from a few days vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Carroll.

Harvey McMilen has returned to his home in Pittsburg after a pleasant visit at the home of his brother, Robert McMillen.

Mr. and Mrs. George Headly of Glasport spent last week with Mrs. Laura Dickey.

Miss Bertie Waller who suffered a relapse four weeks ago is again improving slowly but is not able to sit up yet.

Babies' Bank Accounts.

In Schoenberg, a suburb of Berlin, every baby is born with a banking account. No Schoenberg baby can help this even if it wants to. The municipal regulations provide that whenever the birth of a child is recorded the officials of the municipal savings bank shall issue a bank book in the said baby's name. The city itself then deposits 1 mark (about 25 cents) and immediately allows interest. With this nest egg the authorities believe that the parents of the child will be encouraged in thrift and that the baby itself will have a fair start on the road to wealth. No withdrawals are allowed in less than two years, and the ordinance applies to all children, whether they are members of poor families or descended from millionaires.

Babies are popular in Schoenberg.

The learned man conceals his erudition, the silly man clothes himself with it.—Houssaye.

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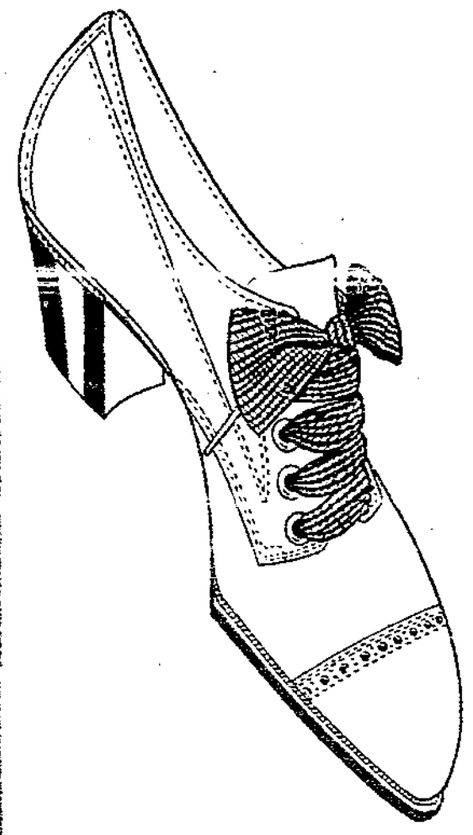

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Women's Gibson Ties in patent leather, with welt and turn soles and silk laces, also some in black kidskin and gunmetal calf, every size at..... $1.95

Men's Shoes, lace and blucher, made of velvet and khaki cloth, with oak welt soles, all sizes, at..... 98c

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[illegible] $3.50 and $4 ones, in a large variety of patent leathers, enamel leathers, gunmetals and russets, all sizes, for..... $1.98

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HIS NARROW ESCAPE.

By JOHN C. ARMSTRONG.

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When I was twenty-five years old I passed a crisis in my life at which I shudder today, though it happened forty years ago. For two hours I was suspended, so to speak, between a life of comfort and a prison, and the two hours ended with five minutes between life and death.

This is how it happened:

When the Union Pacific railroad was building I was taken up by one of its most influential directors with a view to preferment. The only position he could secure for me at first was paymaster, but promised if I proved worthy to do better later on. My work was to go over the line as far as completed in a pay car and pay off the employees. Well, on one of these trips I reached Julesburg, then the terminal, though Laramie was to be made the terminal in a few days. I paid off at Julesburg, having between $4,000 and $5,000 left for the force at Laramie, and I was to go there the next morning.

To kill time I went over to a hotel near the station, where I found a number of men playing poker. I sat down to watch the game and had not done so very long before I observed that none of the players seemed to know very much about the game. I had a [illegible] besides the money I was to pay off with at Laramie. I had always played a good deal for stake games with my friends and was considered by them as an adept at the game. It occurred to me that I might as well take some of the money that was passing around between these men and—well, I foolishly took a hand.

I was what they were playing for, and they continued to play for me till they had got my hundred dollars. Then came the temptation to run up with the company's money, a gradual and the loss of nearly a third of it. I knew by this time that the men were card sharpers and were cheating me. But I knew a so that to accuse any one of them would bring on a row that would expose me. As to fighting them with their own weapons the long if I did so and was detected I would get a bullet in my brain.

I feel like a coward in this matter even[illegible] one at the time as it does after it has passed. Though I have for years looked upon it with horror, at the time my feelings did not get the better of my equanimity. I presume this was because I resolved first to keep my head as my only safety.

There was $4,500 in the pot or just the amount I had lost. On the previous hand I had won several small ones that had brought the stack and stopped there. I was so desperate that I resolved to cheat and [illegible] on the table so the others see that I was cheating and not [illegible] brain. When my hand was dealt me there were two kings in it. I drew three cards, one of them being a king. The card I had picked up on the deal was a king. I had a good opening so no one could hold four aces. The only hand to beat four kings was a royal flush, a pretty hard hand for any one to pursue a make no while being watched. If I could get in my four kings I could save myself. But what would I do with the extra card? I was desperate, as I have said, and resolved to trust to luck to get rid of it without detection. A device occurred to me. Drinks were coming on and seeing some sandwiches on a counter waiting to be sent out to another party, I called for one of them. As soon as I had secured it I uttered an exclamation and looked fixedly through the open doorway. Every man turned his head, and I slipped my extra card into the sandwich. When the men turned I was eating my sandwich and showing my four aces.

I won the pot, but one of the party, looking at me fixedly, said, "Stranger, what'd you see when you sang out so suddenly just now?"

"My success gave me confidence, and I kept my coolness, but I could think of nothing probable for a reply. 'I thought I saw a friend of mine,' I replied, 'out there whom I supposed to be in Chicago.'"

"Are you sure you ain't got a deck up your sleeve or somewhere?"

"What do you mean?" I replied, bristling. Rising, I shook my sleeves and turned my pockets inside out, showing that no card could be concealed on my person. Then, scooping up the pot, I said:

"Gentlemen, I have been accused of cheating, and I will play no more. I am loser by about $75, so that I have a perfect right to quit."

Though I knew my life hung in the balance, nothing could equal the relief I felt as I turned squarely away and walked out of the house. They doubtless felt sure I had purposely directed their attention from myself while I cheated, but I had not been detected, and the difference was the difference between life and death.

It would be impossible to describe my feelings as I walked to my car. Horror, relief and so many other emotions were mingled that I didn't know whether I walked, staggered or flew. When I reached my car I threw myself on my bunk and shook like a leaf in the wind.

The crisis passed. I was sure never to be caught again. I was rapidly promoted, became one of the principal officers of another road and have had a successful life.

MAJOR GRAHAM AND OTHERS.

A Conspiracy That Resulted In Complete Success.

By CLAY ARMSTRONG.

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Major George Graham, retired army officer, had been a widower for ten years. His daughter Nellie was nineteen years old.

The major realized that he was growing old, but when it came to the daughter he continued to regard her as a child. Even when she got into long dresses he would not have been a bit surprised to find her walking the fence with a balancing pole or seated on the limb of a cherry tree. She had been away at school; she had returned, he knew that she went to parties, and he saw young men about the house, but he seemed to be in a dream about her age. In his thoughts she had not [illegible]

Major Graham was enjoying his cigar on the veranda one evening and listening to Nellie's chatter in an abstracted way when that young woman made a sudden dive into the house and a young man came up the path and took the vacated chair. The major squinted at him and thought he recognized [illegible]

A young man's name may be much or little to the father of a girl he is in love with. In this case it meant little until an explanation had been entered into. Then it meant a whole lot. Young Mr. Hurlburt loved Miss Nellie; Miss Nellie loved him. He was of good family and had some prospects, he knew she was an only child, and realized how hard it would be for the father to give her up, but he would love, protect and cherish her always. The major was so shocked that in his ire at first he threw away a cigar that had been only half consumed, a thing he had not done in connection with the guns roaring around him.

Just what the man of war said to the young man of peace need not be recorded here. The gist of it was that his daughter was still a child, young Hurlburt was not [illegible] that he should [illegible] and [illegible]. Yes, sir, and—and—and so forth. [illegible] Anyway, a pop-eyed, red-faced Miss Nellie, who, of course, had heard it from an open window, sprang out her head and buried her face in the lap of that individual and moaned out:

"Oh, Aunt Mary, I said she—I knew I should die! Father won't let Will and me get married!"

Aunt Mary was not a mind reader, but she had [illegible] and the young man. She gave Will a look and a sympathetic shrug and after seeing the weeping child looked up and sought the [illegible] to attend to softening him.

The major was willing to do something to talk to, but he [illegible] that was coming to her. She had been reckless, she had been [illegible] and had left her duties as chaperon, she had almost brought a calamity upon the house of Graham. With her eyes wide open she had allowed a mere infant—yes, a mere infant—to fall in love and engage herself in marriage to—to—well, to a young man.

In vain Aunt Mary tried to exculpate herself. No one had ever talked back to Major Graham U. S. A., and got the best of it, and she failed. He could utter twenty words to her five, and the odds were too great, even for a woman's tongue. She retired from the contest to say to the tearful maiden in waiting:

"If your father doesn't get over this and talk sense I'll—I'll—"

"You'd do something, Aunty?"

"I don't know what I'll do, but you wait. Here you are, nineteen years old, and he's talking as if you were not out of bibs and high chairs."

There was hope that if Aunt Mary went around with a serious look on her face and had little to say and that if the daughter went about with tears in her eyes and heaved heartbreaking sighs at intervals the major might come down off his high horse, but after three days of it he seemed more determined than ever. Finally, at the end of a week, the sister said:

"George, if that girl elopes to get married you will have only yourself to blame."

"So children have taken to eloping, eh?" he replied in cutting tones.

That night there was a meeting of conspirators in Miss Nellie's room. There were only two conspirators, but they were enough. The major was asleep and dreaming of battle as they planned. There were no more tears, no more sighs. Next morning a little note was sent to young Hurlburt. That night he disappeared off the face of the earth.

That night also good Aunt Mary was engaged for two hours carrying bundles and other things up into the attic, and when morning dawned again another sudden shock was ready for Major George Graham, retired. He was eating his breakfast when his sister entered the dining room to announce that Nellie's bed had not been occupied during the night. The exclamation made by the major when a bullet killed his horse was repeated on this occasion, and a minute later he was upstairs.

"I predicted it!" observed the sister as she followed at his heels.

"Look for a note," he replied.

"I have looked. The poor child left home. She felt herself driven from home by a cruel father, and how could she write?"

Young Hurlburt had just become the junior member of a law firm in the town. Major Graham walked into the office and demanded information of his whereabouts. He was told that the young man had gone camping. He went to the depot; he went to the police; he telegraphed here and there. Then he went home to wait for news and to say grimly to his sister that, while he would do everything possible to bring his "infant" back, he would never, never forgive her. She had dishonored the name and must take the consequences.

The day passed and no news. It was the same with another day. The major was sorry that he had blustered as he had. The sister took care to keep telling him what a cruel father he was and how much Nellie must have suffered before taking the step she had, and by evening of the second day the old war hero was calling himself names.

The scene was the veranda again. The major was smoking and sighing when young Hurlburt suddenly appeared. He was not shot down in his tracks. He was not even taken by the throat.

"Major, I understand you were in [illegible] the other day," he quietly remarked.

"Yes, sir; yes, sir. Where is my daughter, sir?"

"The last time I saw her was here at your house."

"And you tell me—you mean that she and you did not elope?"

"Elope! Major Graham, do you think I would cost your daughter into such a thing?"

"But she is gone. Whom did she go with? Where is she?"

"I cannot tell you. I was off camping."

"Mr. Hurlburt, I refused you my daughter's hand. But at the same time I believed you an honorable young man."

"I believe I am, sir."

"And your daughter would do nothing to dishonor herself or her dear old daddy," said Miss Nellie as she suddenly appeared and sank down at her father's knee.

"You—you back again?" he gasped.

"Why, I've not been away. I got tired of my room and moved up into the attic for a change. It's just lovely up there, only the mice made me afraid I'd go. You don't think your Nellie would run away just because you were [illegible] of her?"

"See here, I don't understand this at [illegible]," said the major as he recovered his senses.

And then came the last shock. His sister came forward and said:

"Why, brother, it's easy enough to understand. They are in love with each other and want your consent to their marriage."

The two would not have been the major if he had given them his blessing then and there, but the records show that he did within the next month, and that was good enough.

An Anecdote of Verdi.

The first production of Verdi's opera "Otello" took place at Milan, and all the prominent musical critics of Europe foregathered in the Cathedral city in honor of the occasion. Among them was a Parisian, a critic of wide reputation and admitted influence in the music world. His first care on his arrival in Milan was to seek out Verdi and request to be allowed to be present at one of the final rehearsals. The composer received him with extreme politeness, but replied that he could not possibly grant his request, as he had decided that the orchestra were to be absolutely alone, and he could not make an exception in the favor of any one journalist however distinguished.

The Paris critic, far from pleased at this answer, protested that in these circumstances his account of the opera might not be all he should like it to be. "You see," he explained to the composer, who affected not quite to understand, "I shall have to telegraph my article the same evening. It will necessarily be hastily written, and the impression in Paris the next day may suffer in consequence."

But Verdi was more than equal to the occasion. "My dear sir," he made answer, "I do not write for the next day." The critic bowed himself out.

Soup Without a Spoon.

Soup without a spoon seems even harder to negotiate than meat without a fork, and we can sympathize with the complaint recorded in the diary of Felix Platter, a young Swiss, who went to Montpellier in 1552 in order to study medicine. He lodged in the house of his professor, Catelan, one of the greatest doctors of his time, and yet, writes Platter, "we were compelled to eat our stew in the usual French fashion—that is to say, picking the meat out with our fingers and then drinking the broth. In vain we begged our hostess to let us have spoons, but not a single one was to be found in the house, the only implement on the table being a large knife fastened with an iron chain. No one here seems to have ever heard of spoons, which we at home find so useful." Montaigne was astonished when he visited Switzerland in 1580 to find that "at all meals they put on the table as many spoons as there are people present."—Westminster Gazette.

About to Make a Change.

"What is he going to do now?" breathlessly asked the agitated young woman, with her eyes on the daring aeronaut who was clinging to his parachute.

"He is about to sever his connection with the balloon," replied her escort, "to accept a position a little lower down."—Exchange.

THE DEACON'S DAY.

By M. QUAD.

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Deacon Hardstone of Riverton was a good man. He was a man of years and dignity. He was a man always to be found on the side of law and order and charity. The only thing in this world that troubled him and his good wife was the fact that they had a nephew over at Saltville who was a loud young man. Money had been left him by an aunt, and he sported. He not only sported at home, despite the protests of his widowed mother, but he came over to Riverton and sported there. The deacon struggled and struggled with him, but it did no good. He would drink cocktails, and he would speed his auto around the town and on the highways, and finally he was ordered out of the deacon's house and told never to return. Then the sporty youth began to study how to get even.

Now, the deacon had a weakness for sweet cider, though he didn't go telling it around. When cider making time came he carted apples to the mill and had one barrel of cider made—never more. The cider would retain its sweetness for about a month. When it began to get an edge on it, it was provided with "mother" and rolled aside to become vinegar.

Of course this little one barreled affair was known to the nephew, and after a little thought he saw his way clear. When the apples and the barrel had been [illegible] he was ready with his plot. Perhaps he had the aid of the owner of the mill, but that has never been satisfactorily settled. There are thirty-two gallons of cider in the average barrel. How many gallons of something else went into the barrel has not yet been solved by Sherlock Holmes. It was sufficient, no matter what the number.

When the deacon went after his barrel it was ready for him, and never did a cider barrel look more innocent. It was rolled down cellar to cool and was not tapped until the afternoon of the next day. Then the deacon's wife went out to visit a neighbor, and he put a spigot in the barrel and drew a glass to drink. He had been drinking cider for twenty-three years, but never did cider taste like that before. It had a peculiar taste. It had an agreeable taste. The palate just cried out for more. The deacon gave it more. He was a little bit frightened when he found himself laughing, for he had not laughed for sixteen years by the almanac, but he drew another glass and slowly sipped it and figured that he must have mixed a lot of Seek No Further apples in with the pippins. At any rate, he wasn't going to seek any further for a good thing. Who can tell just how many glasses of sweet cider a man will drink under favorable conditions? You can't even guess at it.

When Deacon Hardstone arose from the couch his eyes were shining and his hair curling. He put on his hat and went out on the gate wondering why his heels were so springy and how he had missed the chance he saw an auto. It was the one belonging to his sporty nephew. He walked down there to give the young man a blast, but not finding him he was seized with a sudden desire to take a ride all by his lonesome. He had been shown how to start and stop the machine. Before leaping in he whooped. He didn't mean to whoop, but the whoop sorter whooped itself, and he whooped again as he sailed off.

The town of Riverton will never forget that day. In fact it is observed as a sort of holiday under the name of "deacon's day." He put that auto at its fastest clip and went up and down the four or five streets. He drove everybody within doors. He immediately twenty different runaways. He whooped at the corners and he whooped in the middle of the blocks. Sometimes he whooped and swung his hat at the same time.

When this happened the machine either grazed a tree or took to the sidewalk and cleared off the kerosene barrels in front of the groceries. Of course it was plain that something was wrong, and a hundred people would have extended help if they could, but the trouble was they couldn't.

But they stopped the deacon at last. They piled dry goods boxes on the street and ran him into a millinery store and captured him. He was still whooping, but he didn't fight back when they carried him home and put him to bed. Of course there was something done about it. No deacon can perform that way after so many years of probity without a bit of scandal following. He had to toe the mark before his church. He was dimly conscious that he had drunk too much cider, and he intended to own up like a man and ask that the contents of the barrel be investigated. He was saved from this, however. A brother deacon suggested that he submit his head for medical examination, and the suggestion was followed. A doctor felt of his bumps, asked him a lot of questions and then made a medical report to the effect:

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And after the charges against the deacon had been dropped he went home and said to his wife:

"Should our nephew Henry call and ask to be forgiven for drinking cocktails I think we'll try and do it, and tomorrow I'll knock the bung out of that barrel and let it begin to sour."

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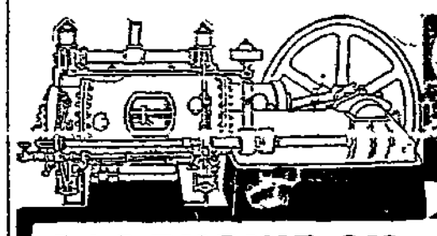

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